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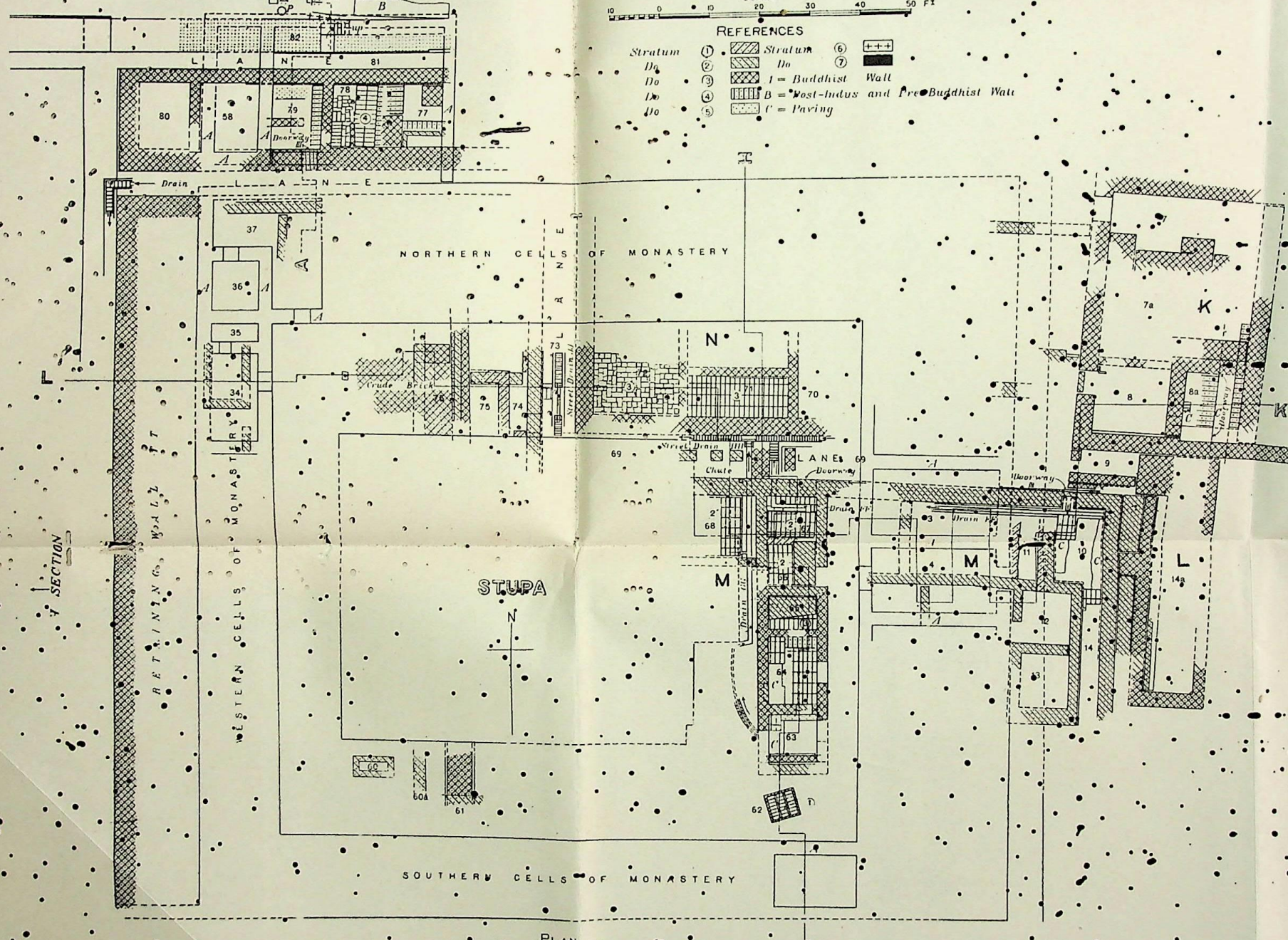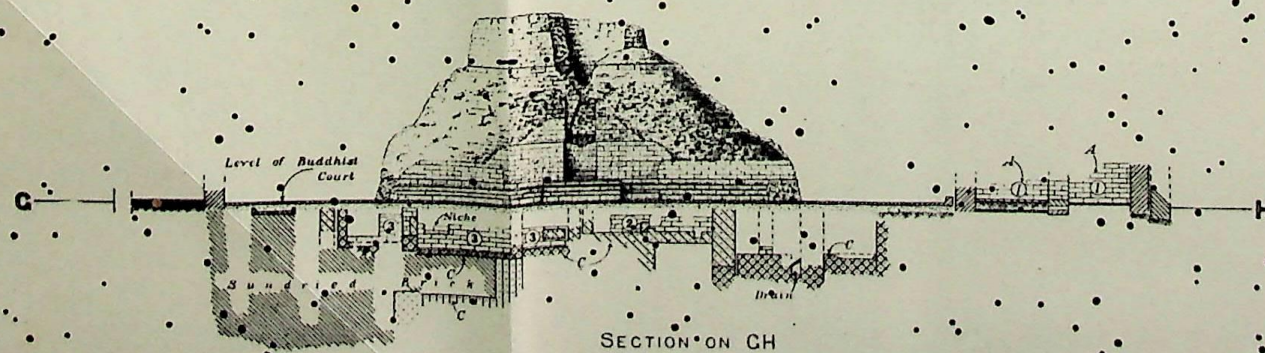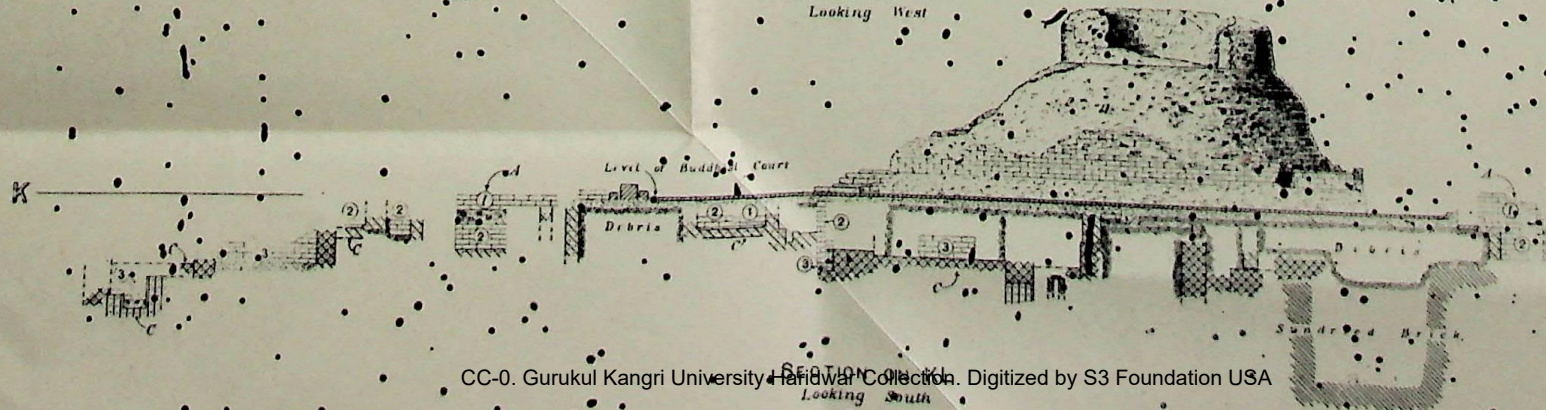
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BUDDHIST PERIODS
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Sundried Brick

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Entrance Hall
Assembly
Hall
PLAN
SUNDRIED BRICK
SECTION ON AB
SECTION ON CD
MOHENJO-DARO
SD. AREA
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STUPA

Assembly Hall

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SD. AREA
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BATH
WELL
STREET
LANE
Broken Pavement
Mud Filling
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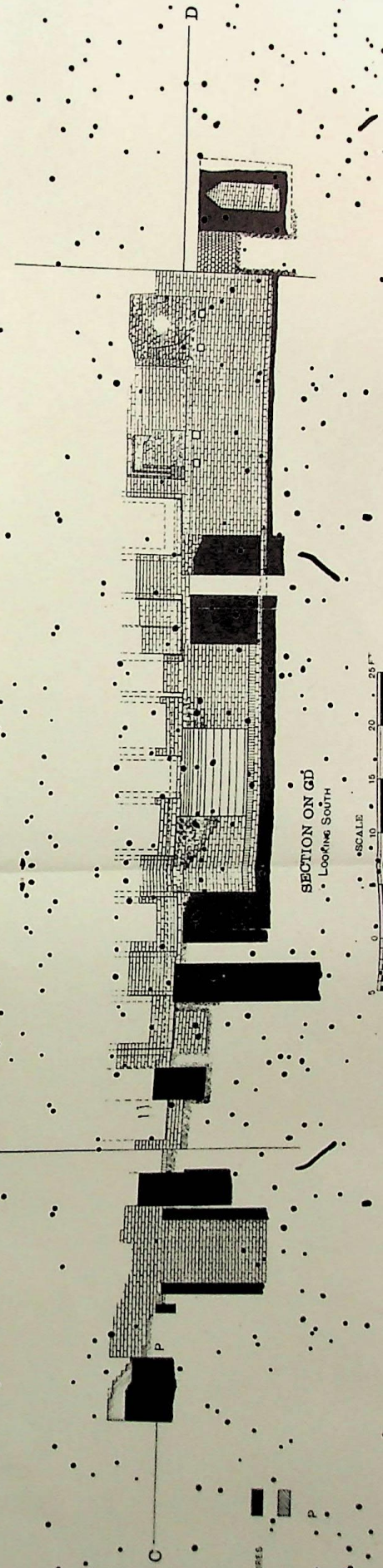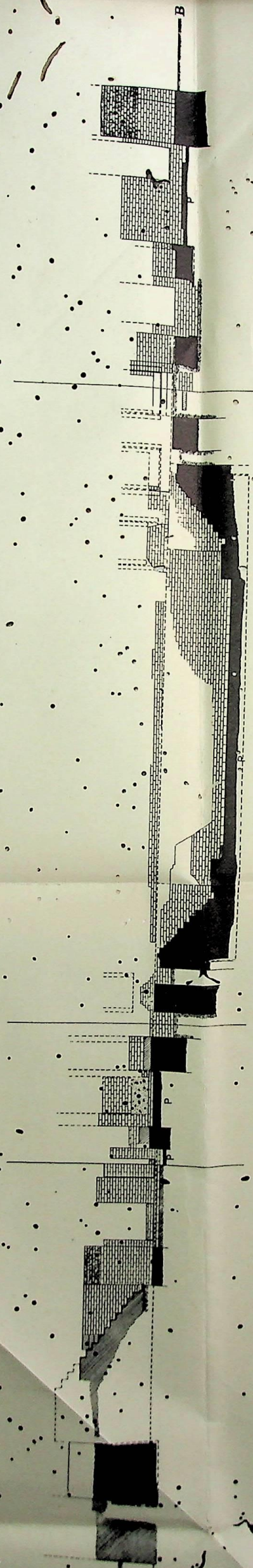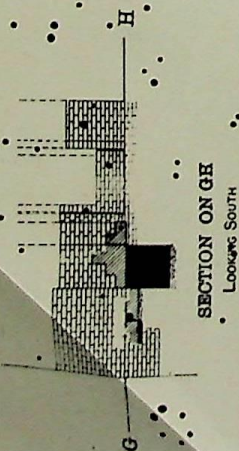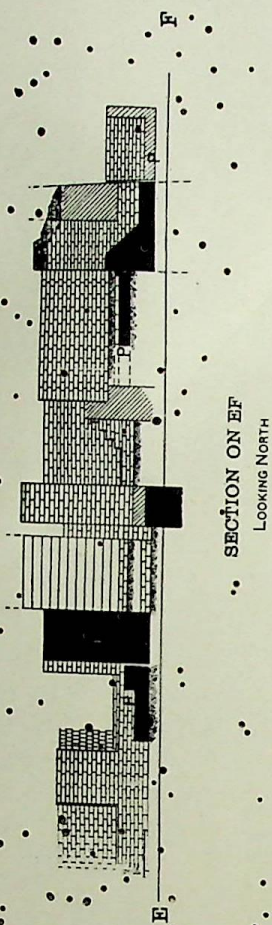
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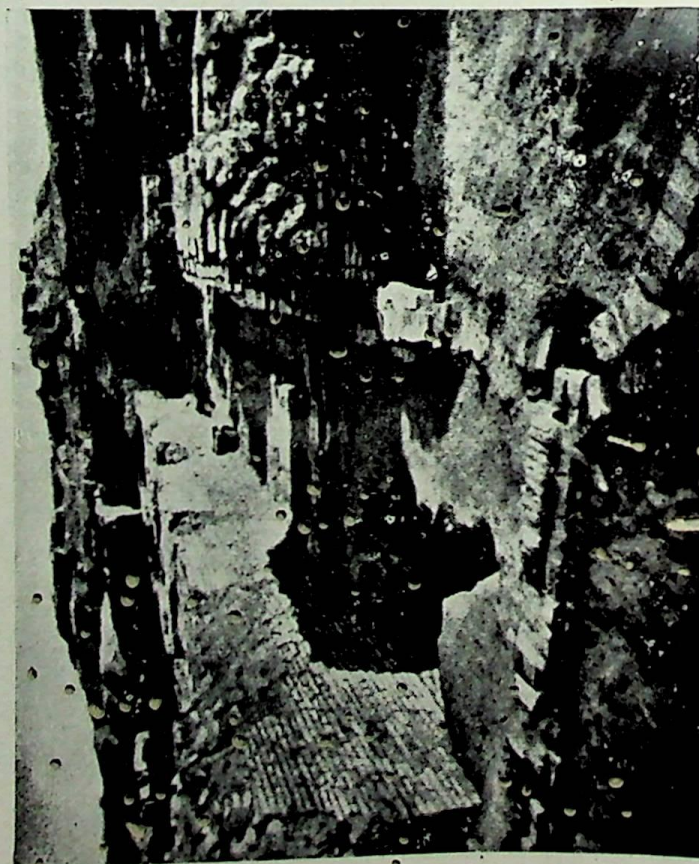
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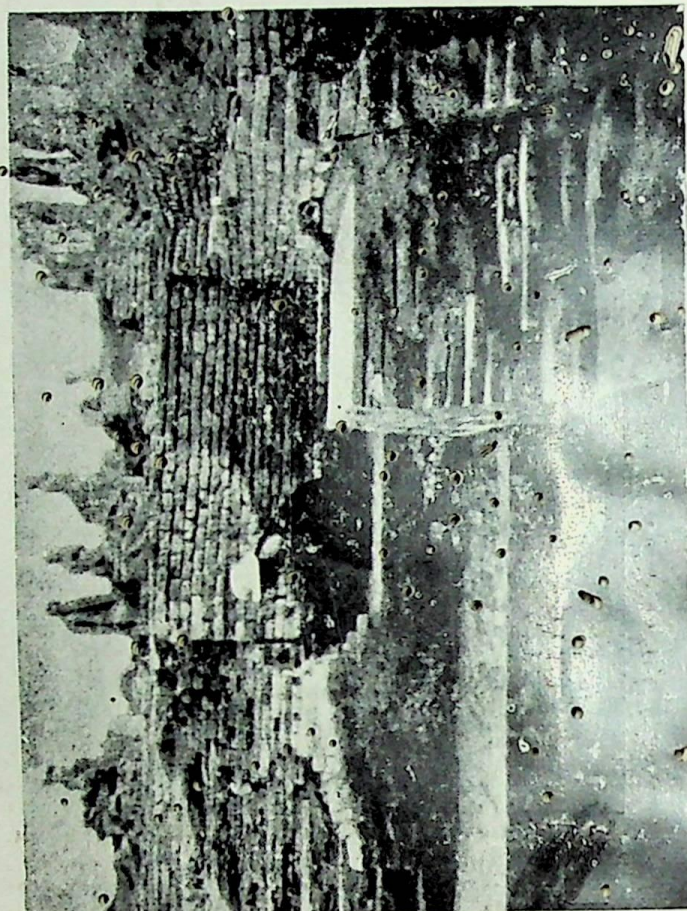
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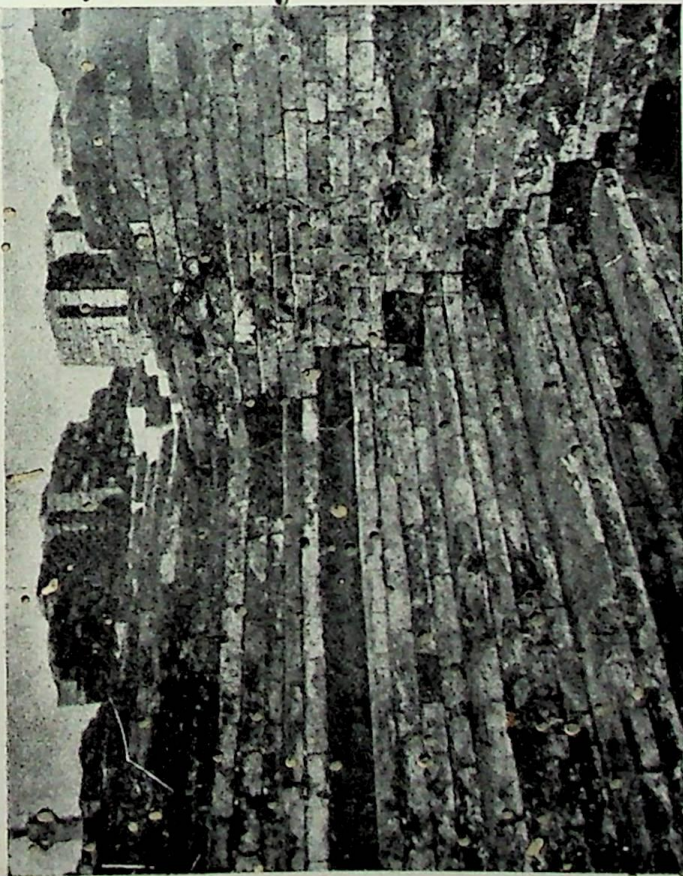
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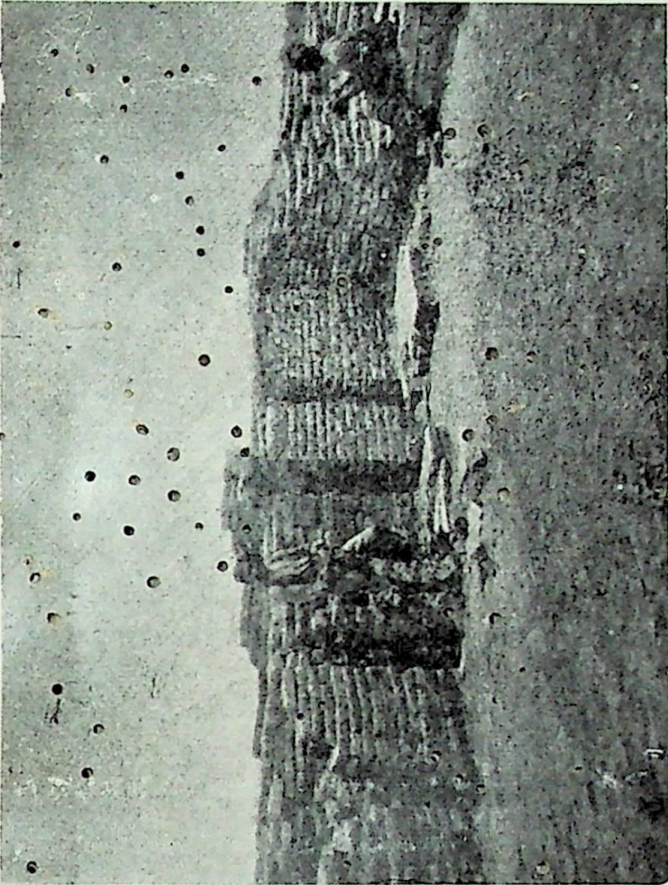
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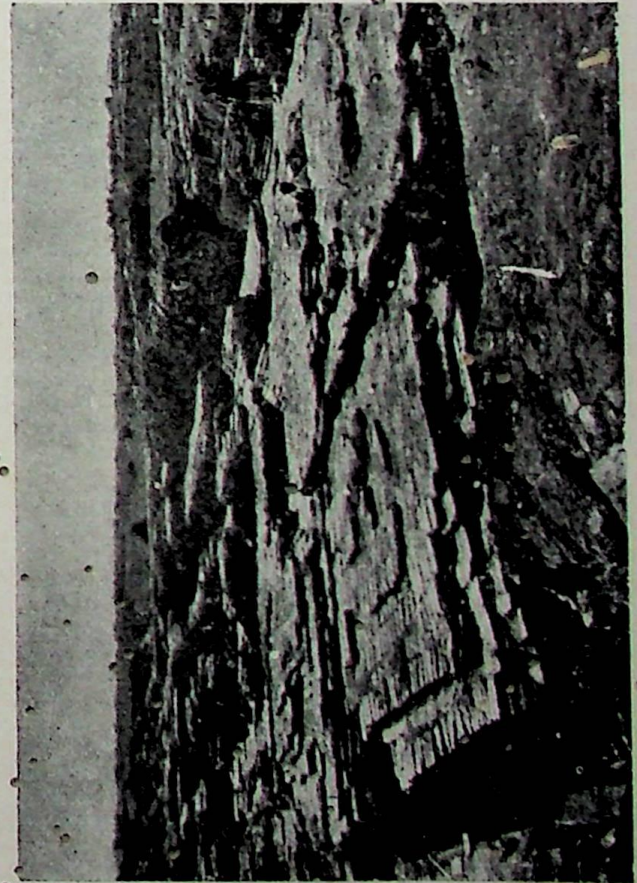
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SOUTHERN BUILDINGS
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1925-26
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DRAIN
PAVING
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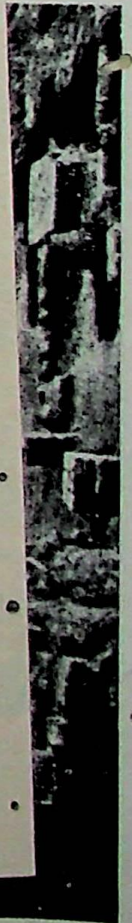
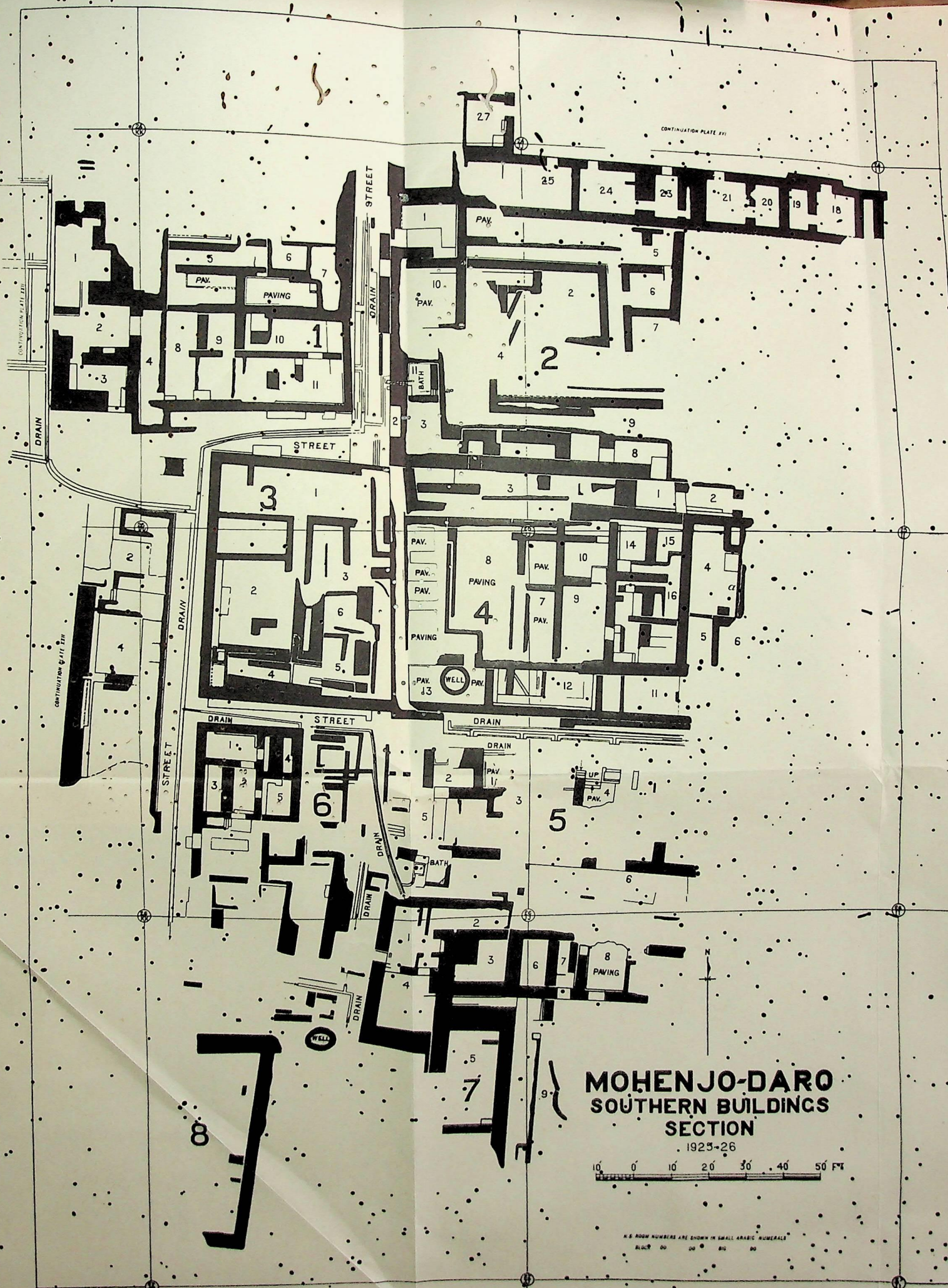
BATH

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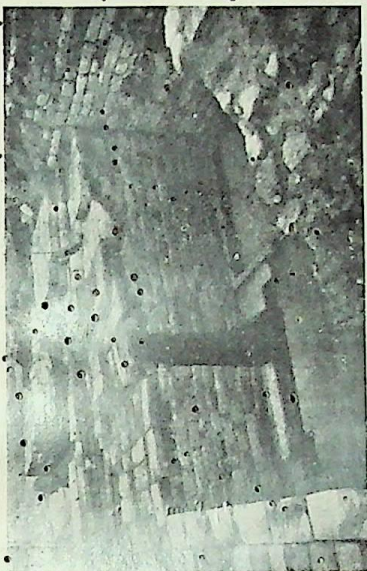
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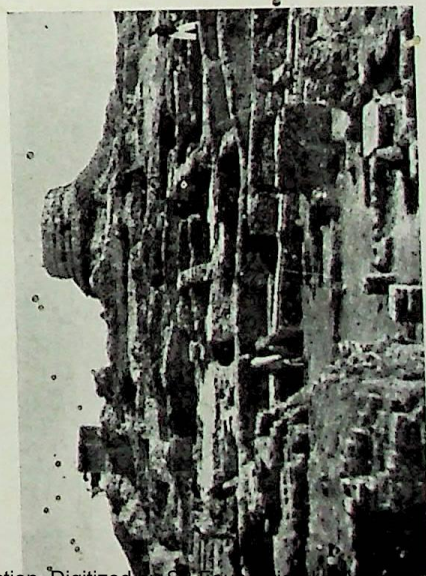
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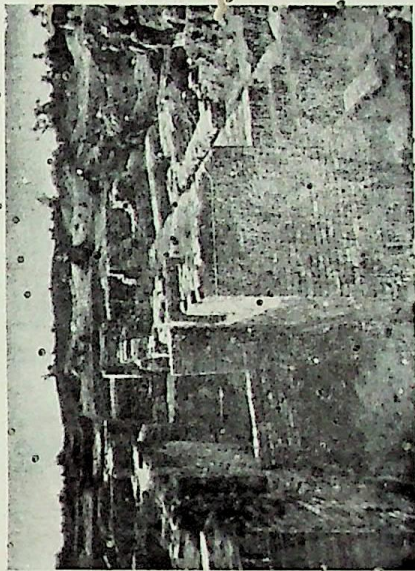
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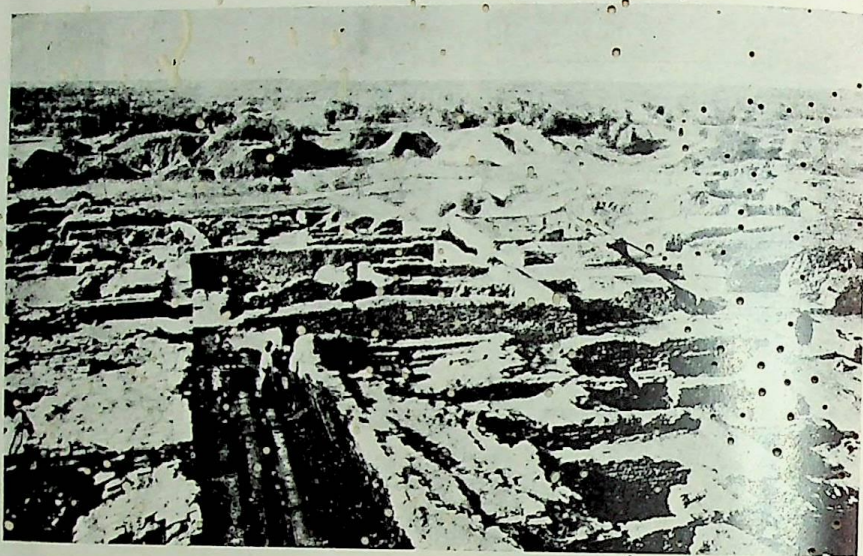
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STREET
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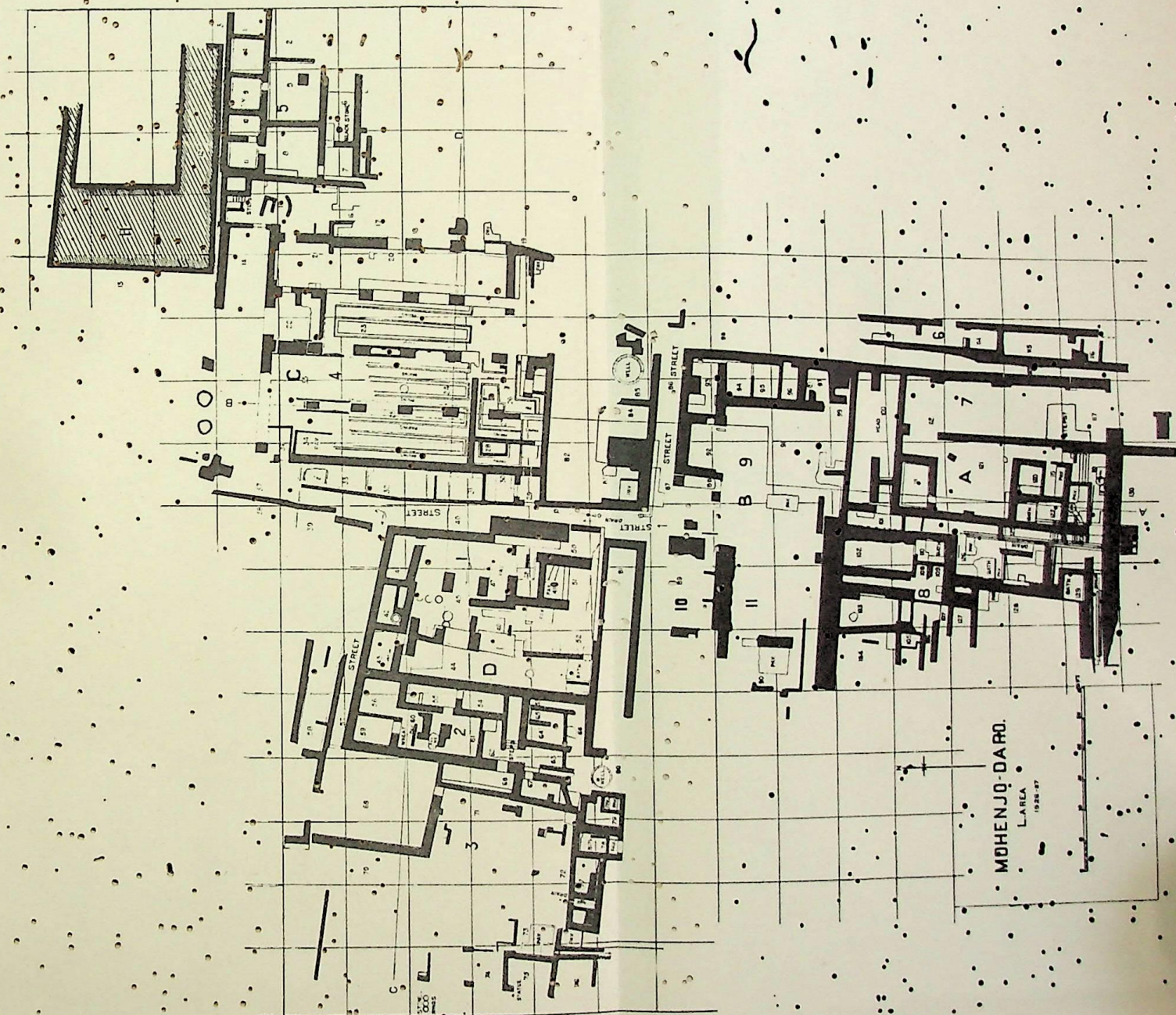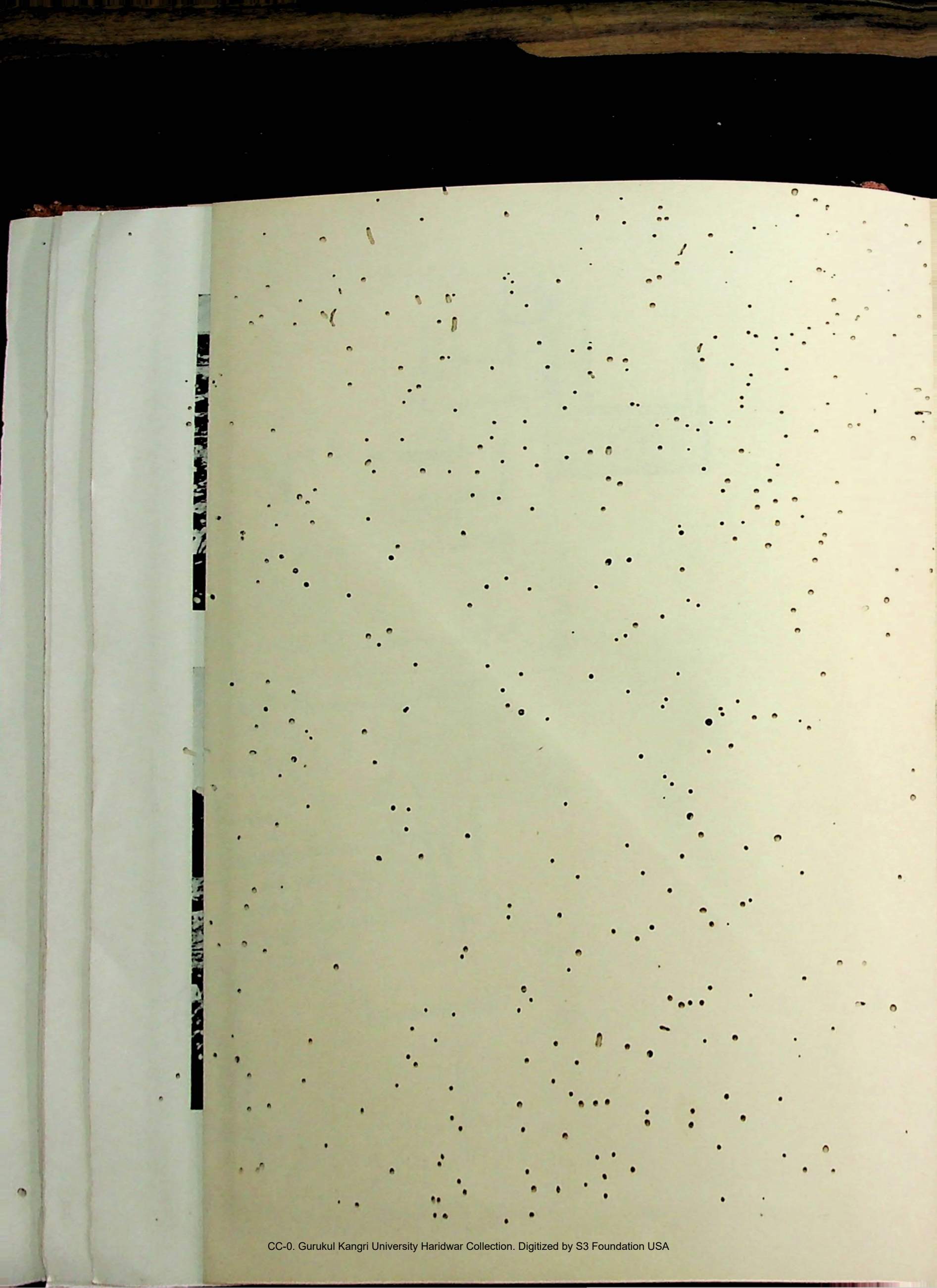
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L. AREA

SECTIONS ON AB & CD

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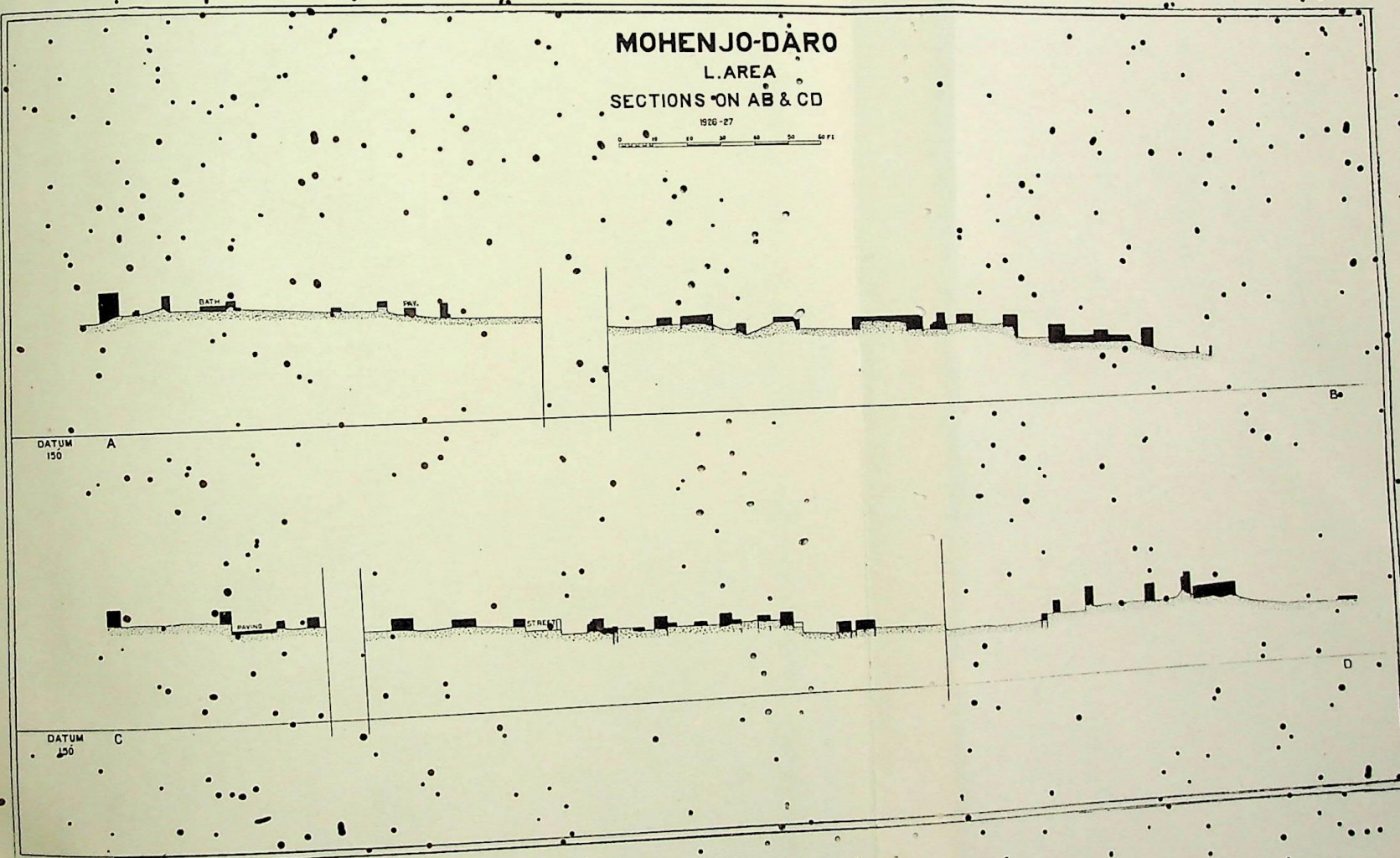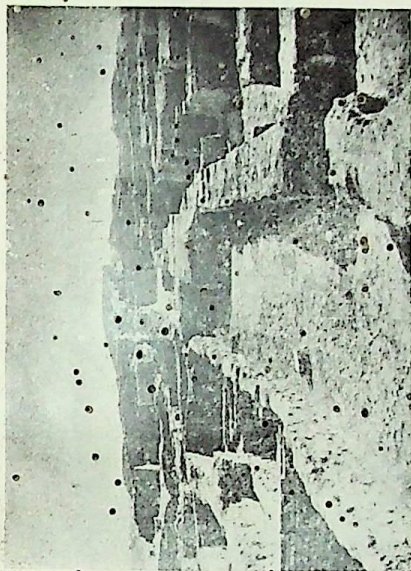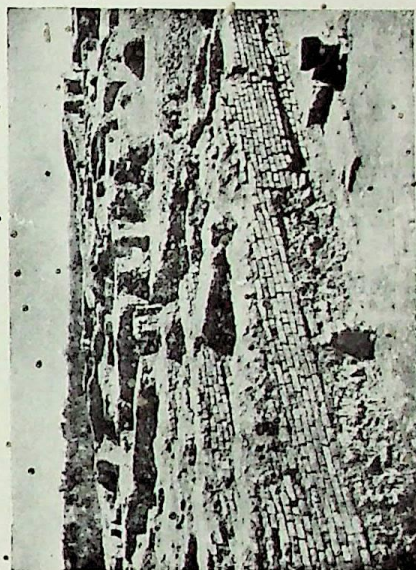
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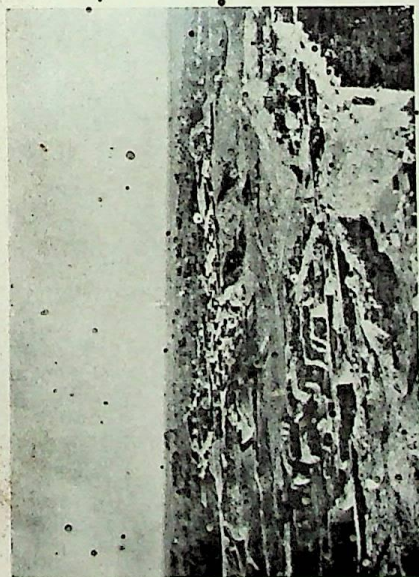
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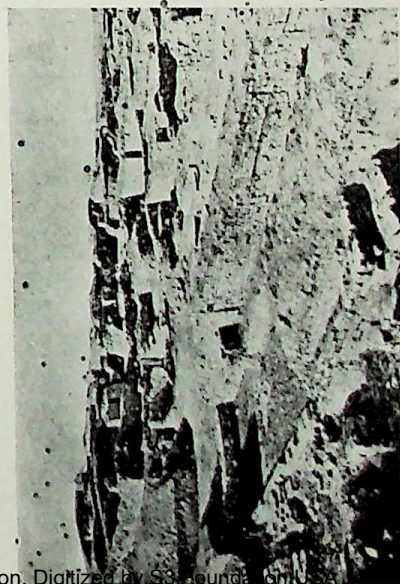
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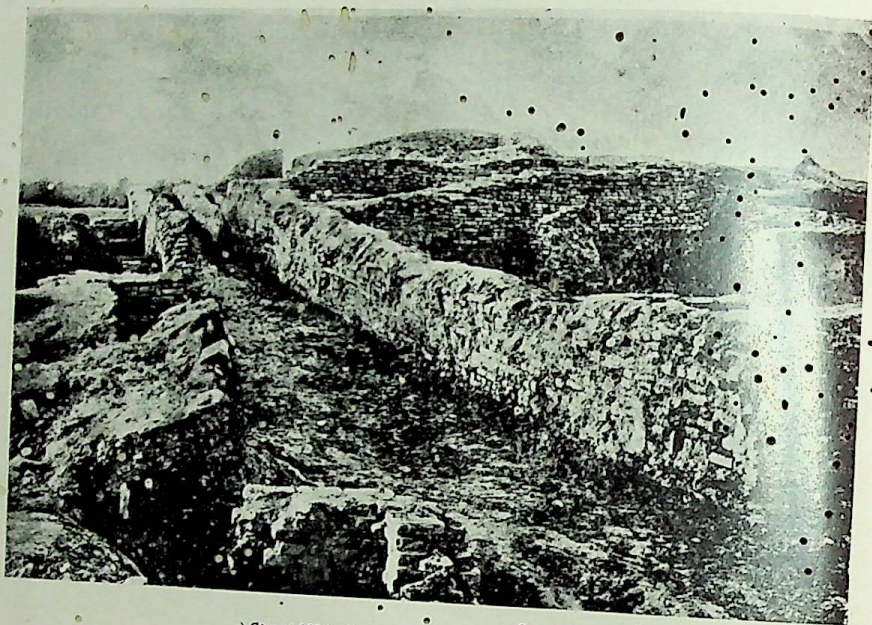
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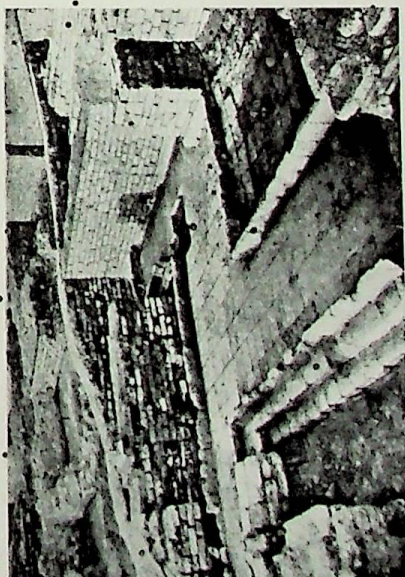
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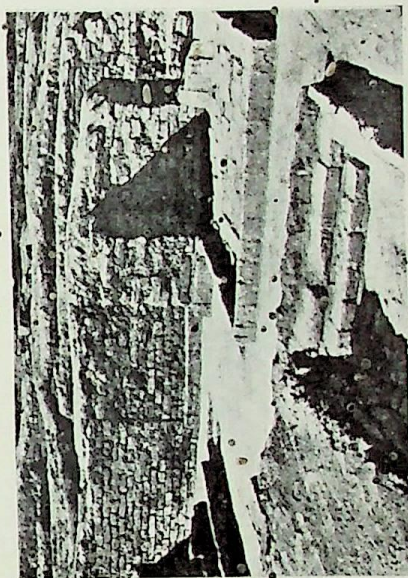
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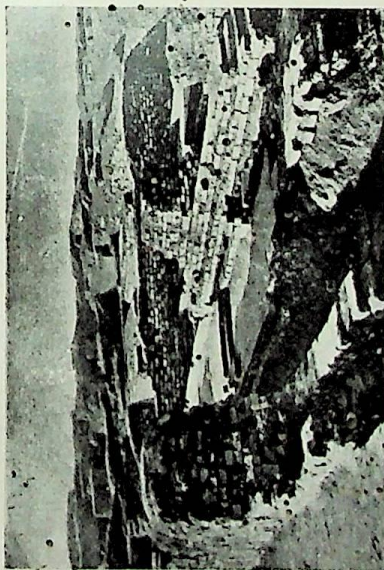
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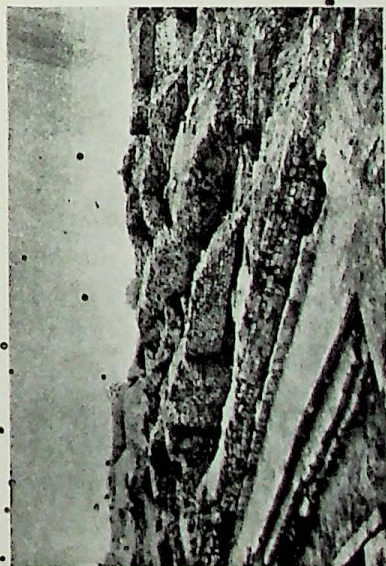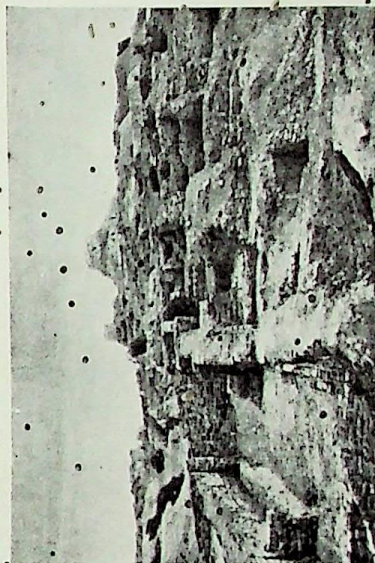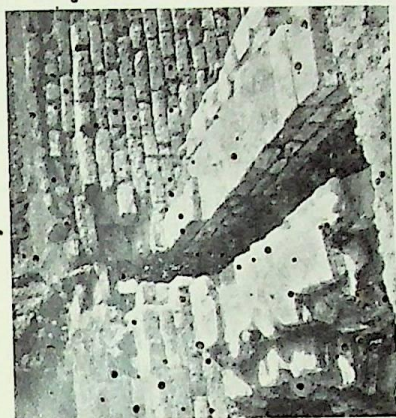
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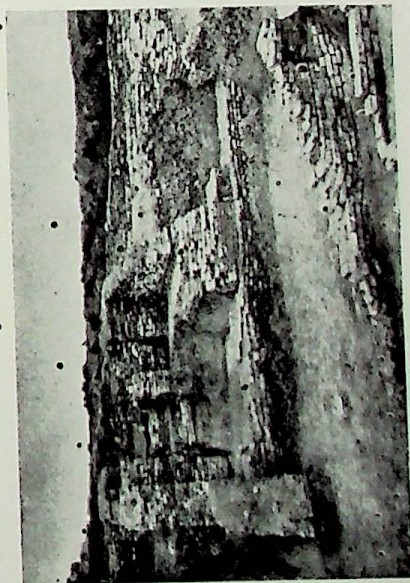
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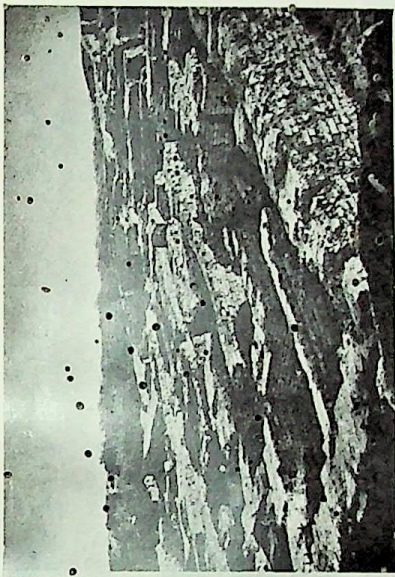
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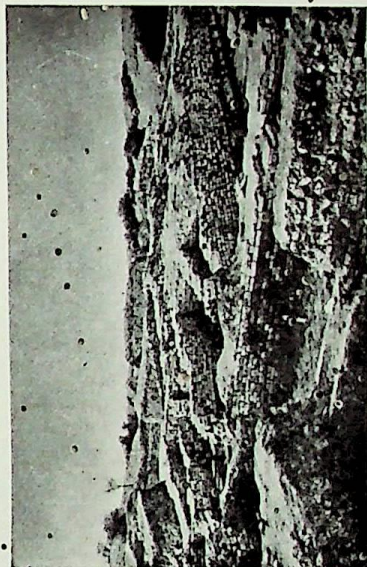
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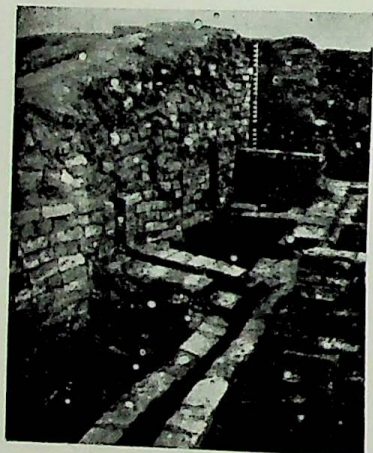
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f) Row of lime-stone rings found in chamber 74, in Block 3 before final clearance.

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HR. AREA
A&B SECTIONS
N.B. BLOCK Nos ARE SHOWN IN BIG ARABIC NUMERALS
HOUSE DO DO ROMAN DO
ROOM DO DO SMALL ARABIC DO
SCALE
10 0 10 20 30 40 50 FEET
STREET 2
LANE 4
HIGH LANE
SOUTH LANE
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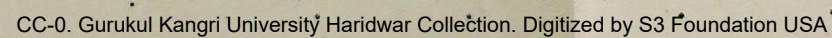
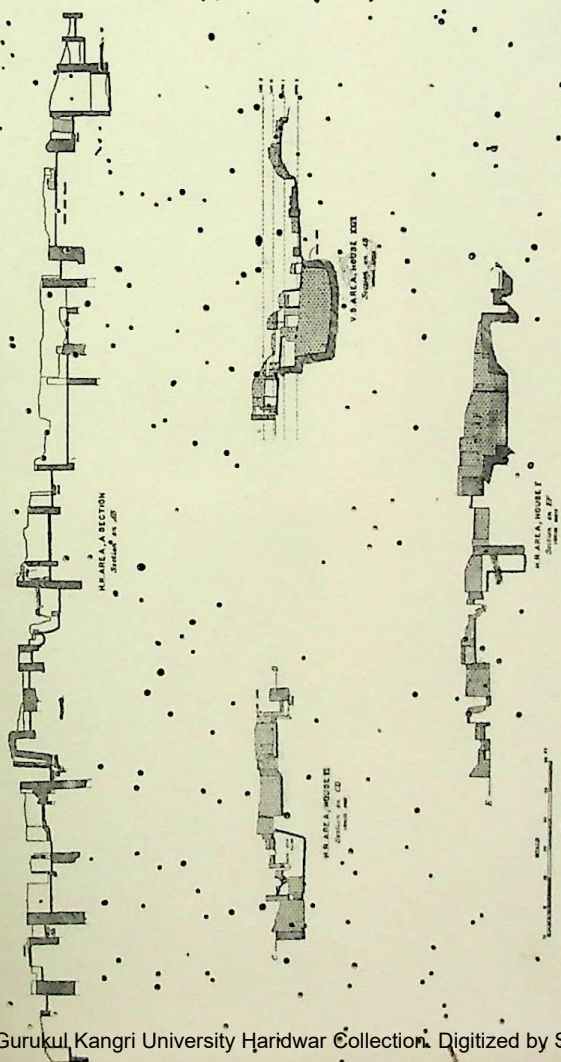
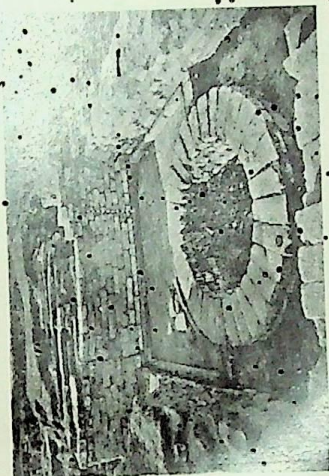
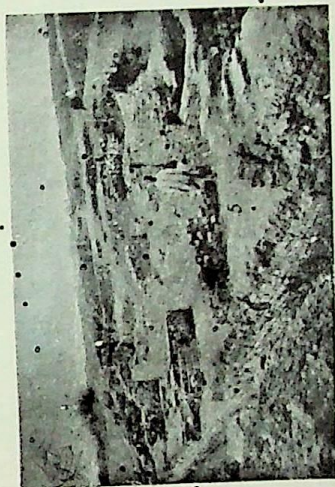
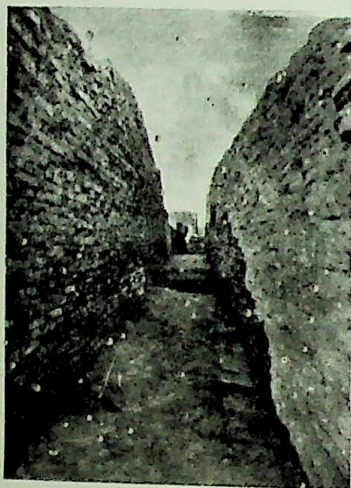

Sections in HR. and VS. Areas.

H R. Area Secton A.

a) Section A Block 1, Room 10. Low level courtyard with two flights of steps looking north.

b) Section A, Block 2, Room 10, well No. 1.

c) Section A. Northern end of First Street, looking south

d) Section B. Front of House V in Block 2.

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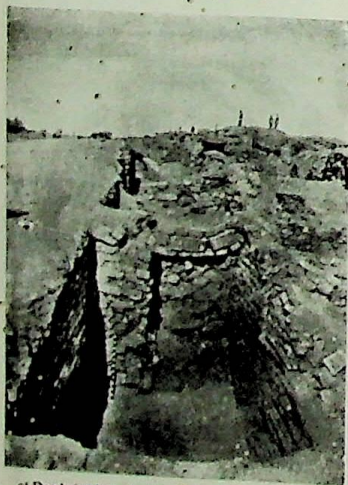
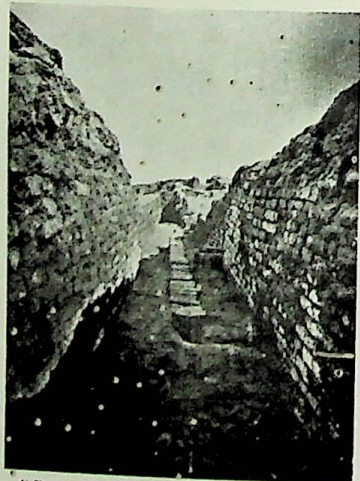
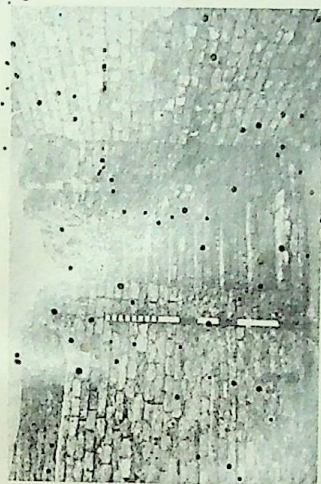
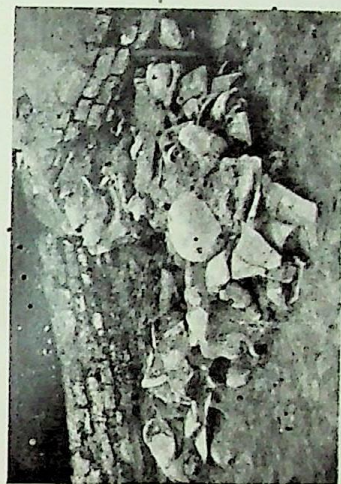

b) Rubbish shoot and drain on south side of High Lane.

c) Deadman Lane before excavation with remains of latest period on the surface.

d) Deadman Lane showing brick drain and out-fall from Well No. 1 in Block 2, Room 10.

HR. Area, A and B Sections.

a) Section B. Block 2. Skeletons in Room 74 of House V

b) Section A. Block 2. Steps leading from Courtyard 6 to Well Chamber 10

c) Soak-pit in First street with drain openings.

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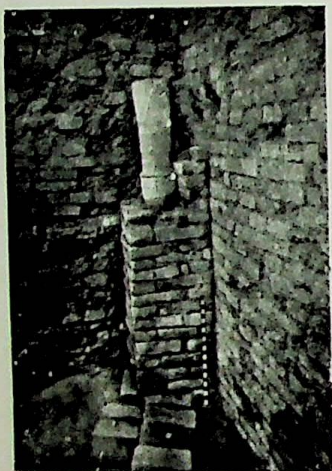
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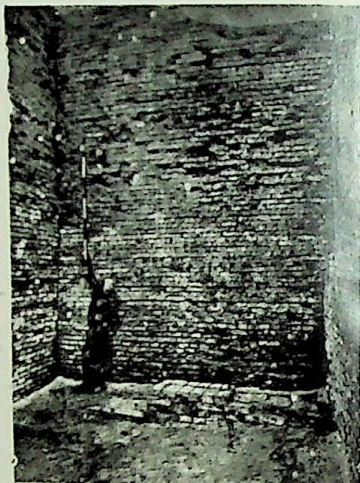
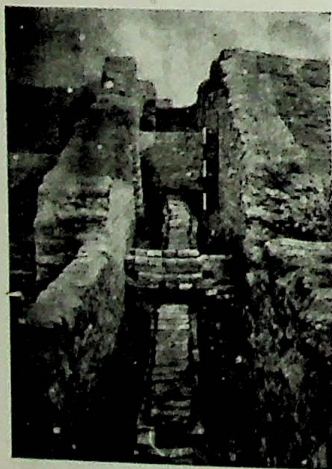
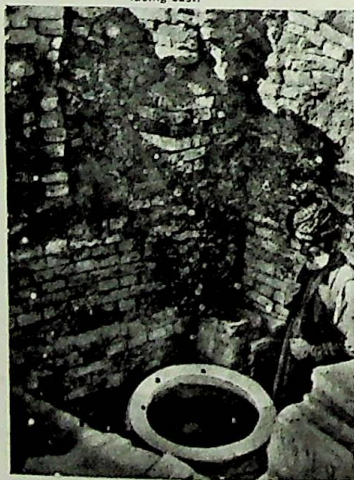

b) Block I. Room 14 on east of low level courtyard, facing east.

c) Block 3. Drain between Houses VII and IX, looking west.

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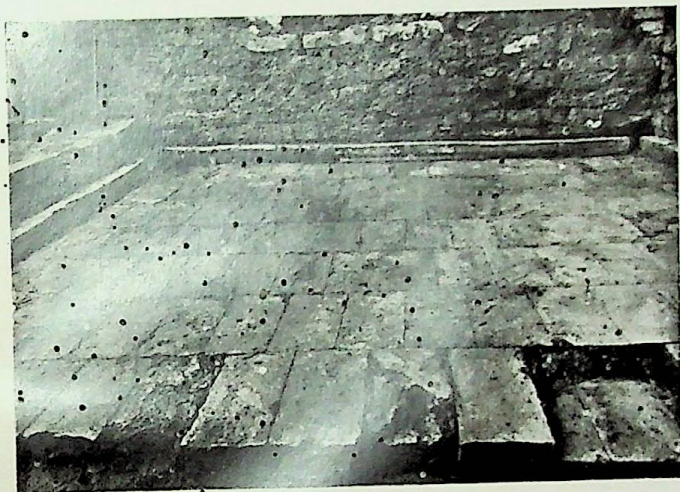
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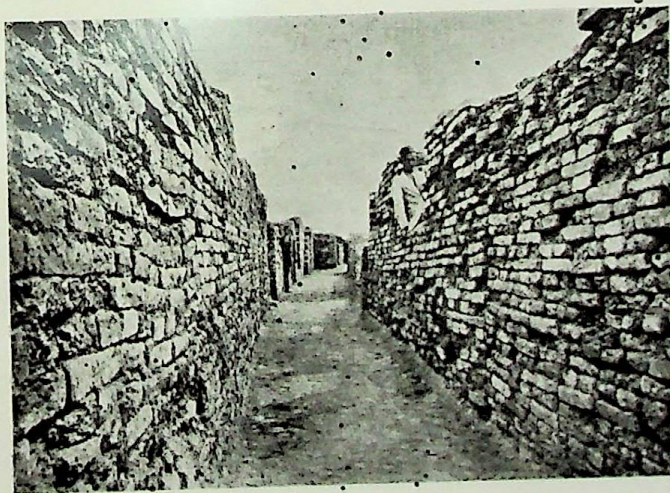
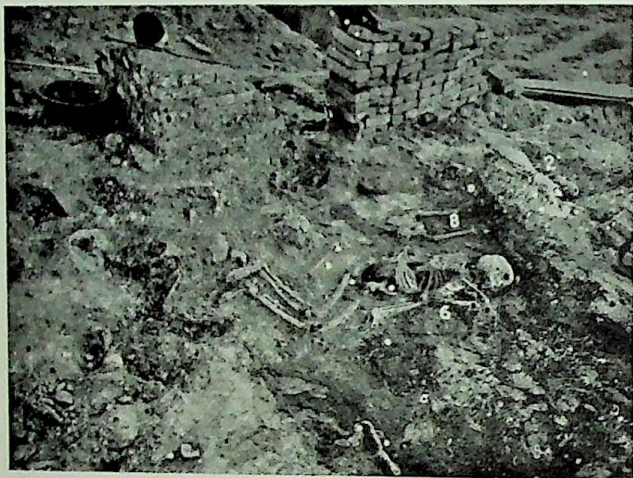
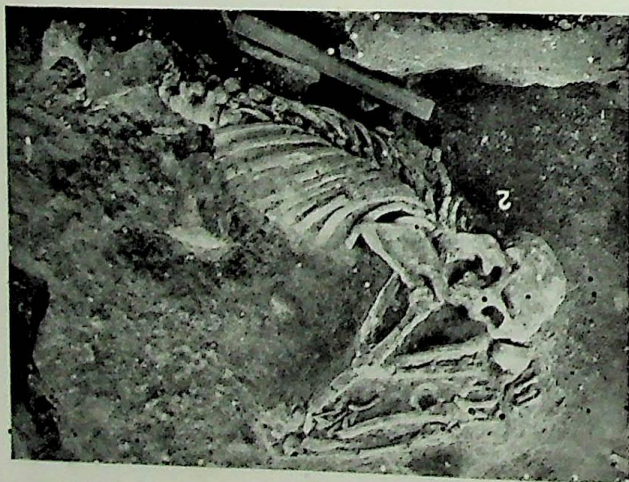
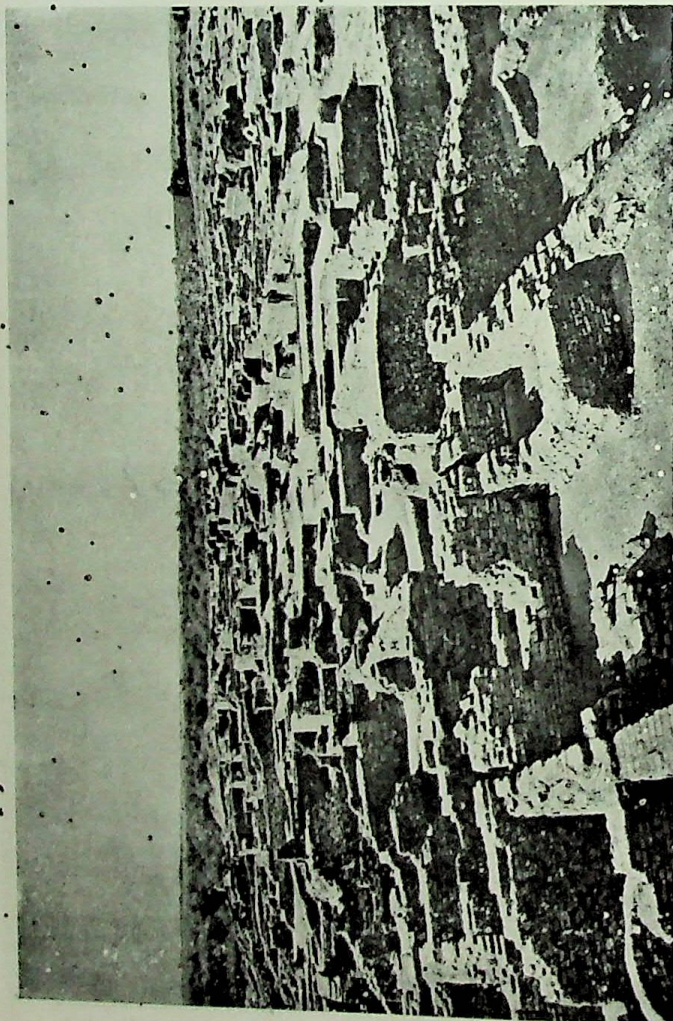
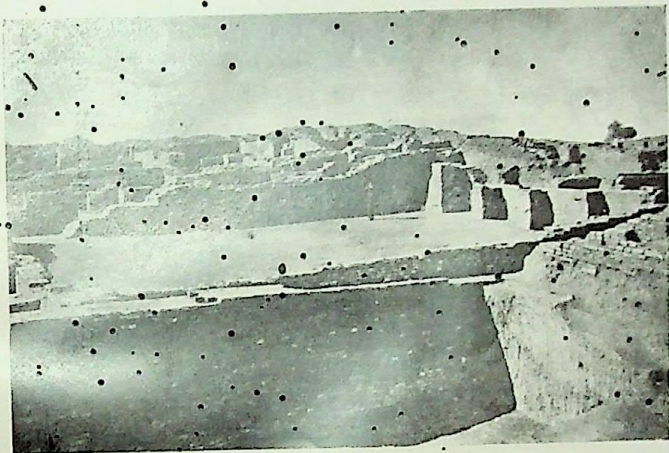
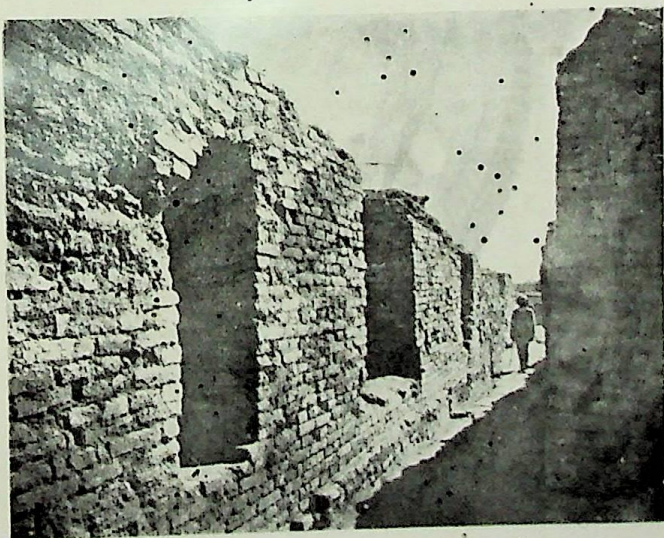

b) South Lane, looking east

a) Group of skeletons in Room 74, House V

b) Portion of skeleton found above southern wall of same

HR. Area, A and B Sections.

View of First Street, between Sections A and B, looking south.

HR. Area, Section B.

General view of excavations in Section B, from north.

a) Block 2, Building V: Court 70, looking south.

b) Lane 2, looking east, with Block 2, on left.

HR. Area, Section B.

a) Block 2, House V: Room 49, looking east.

b) Corbelled drain on west of House XVIII.

a) Block 2, House VII: Pottery Kiln in Court 17.

b) Block 3, House XVI from east.

c) Block 2, House X: Earthenware troughs sunk in floor of Room 134.

d) Block 5, House XXIII, showing earlier stratum and part of street to east.

HR. Area. Section B.

a) Block 5, Building XXX, showing deep foundations.

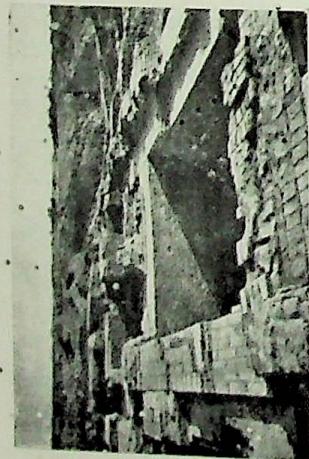
b) Block 5, House XXX : Well-chamber in Room 57,

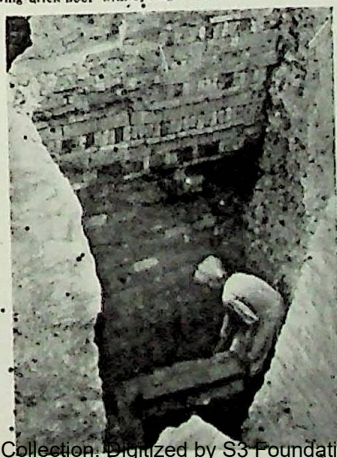
c) Third Street, looking north.

d) Block 9. House LXVI.

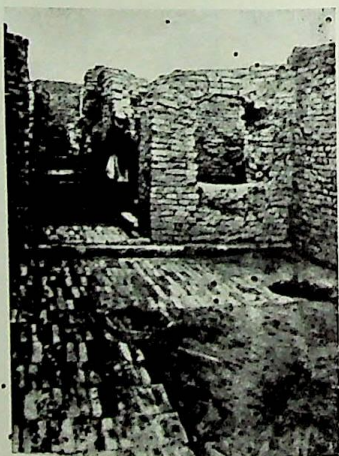
N.B. BLOCK NUMBERS are shown in BIG ARABIC NUMERALS
HOUSE Do Do ROMAN Do
ROOM Do Do SMALL ARABIC Do
LANE

MOHENJO-DARO
VS. AREA
A&B SECTIONS
SCALE
N.B. BLOCK NUMBERS are shown in BIG ARABIC NUMERALS
HOUSE Do Do ROMAN Do
ROOM Do Do SMALL ARABIC Do
LANE 2
LANE 1
STREET
A
B

PL LIII

a) VS. Area, Section A. Block 1, House II : Room 25, showing brick floor with dyeing troughs.

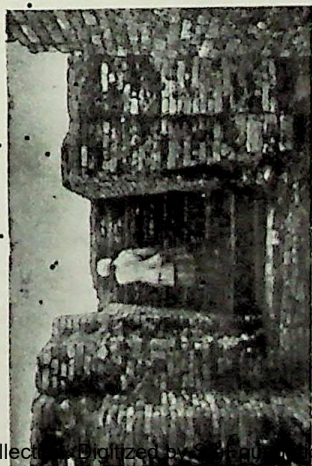
b) HR. Area, Section B. Block 2, House V : Corbelled arch between Rooms 49 and 54.

c) VS. Area, Section A. Wall in deep trench 11.

a) Court 69 in House XIII, looking west

b) House XIII : Corbelled opening in wall of Room 78.

c) House XIII : Court 57, with window opening into Room 58.

VS. Area, Section A.

a) Front of House VIII, with drains in First Street.

b) House XXII : Well in Room 5 at end of a blind alley.

c) Staircase in Room 75 of House XIII.

d) Lane to east of House XXII, looking north.

b) Pottery kiln to the east of House XXIV

c) Courtyard of House XXVII showing pit sunk through crude brick filling.

Pl. LVIII.

MOHENJO-DARO
VS. AREA
A SECTION

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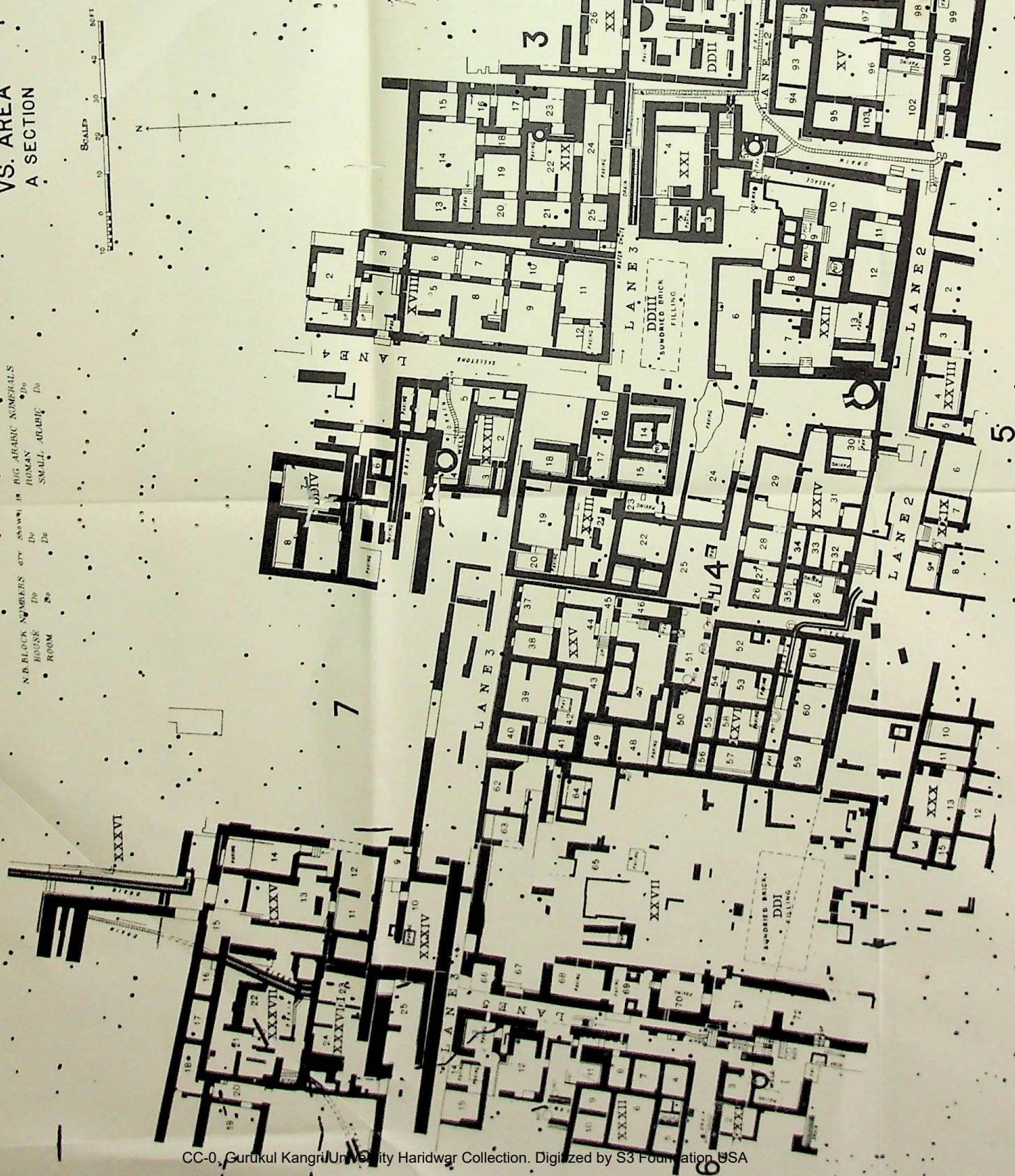
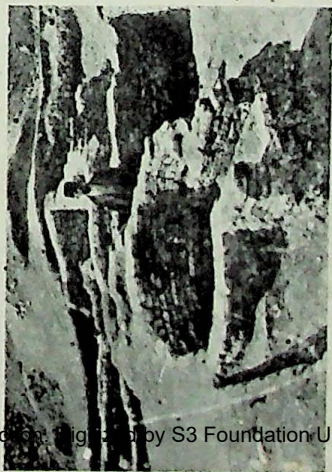
HOUSE Do Do ROMAN Do
ROOM Do Do SMALL ARABIC Do

SCALE
10 0 10 20 30 40 50 FT

CONTINUATION PLATE LIII

a) Panoramic view of north-west part of VS. Area, from west.

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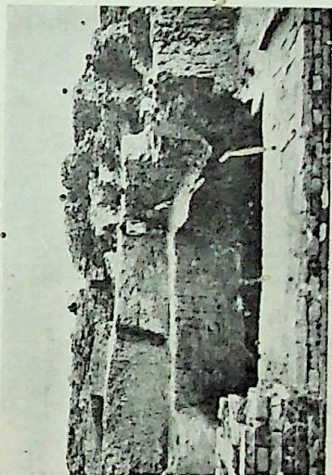
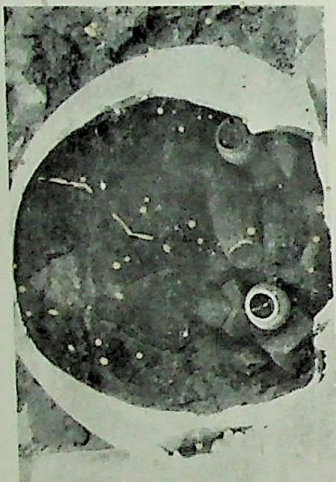
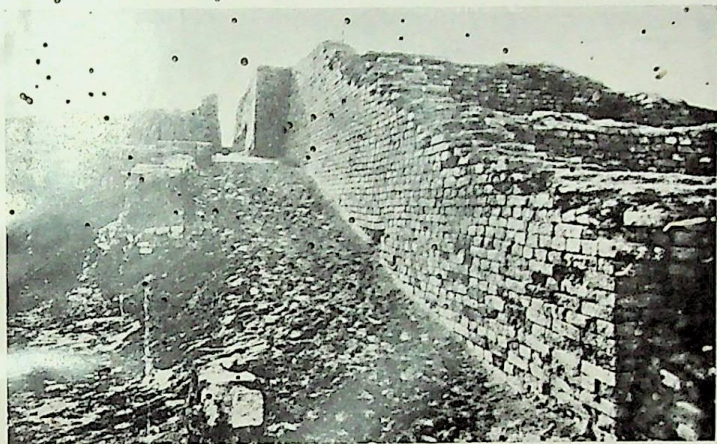
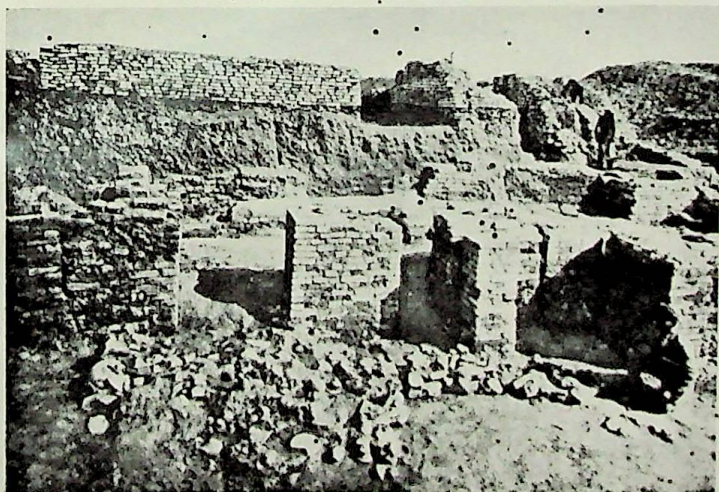
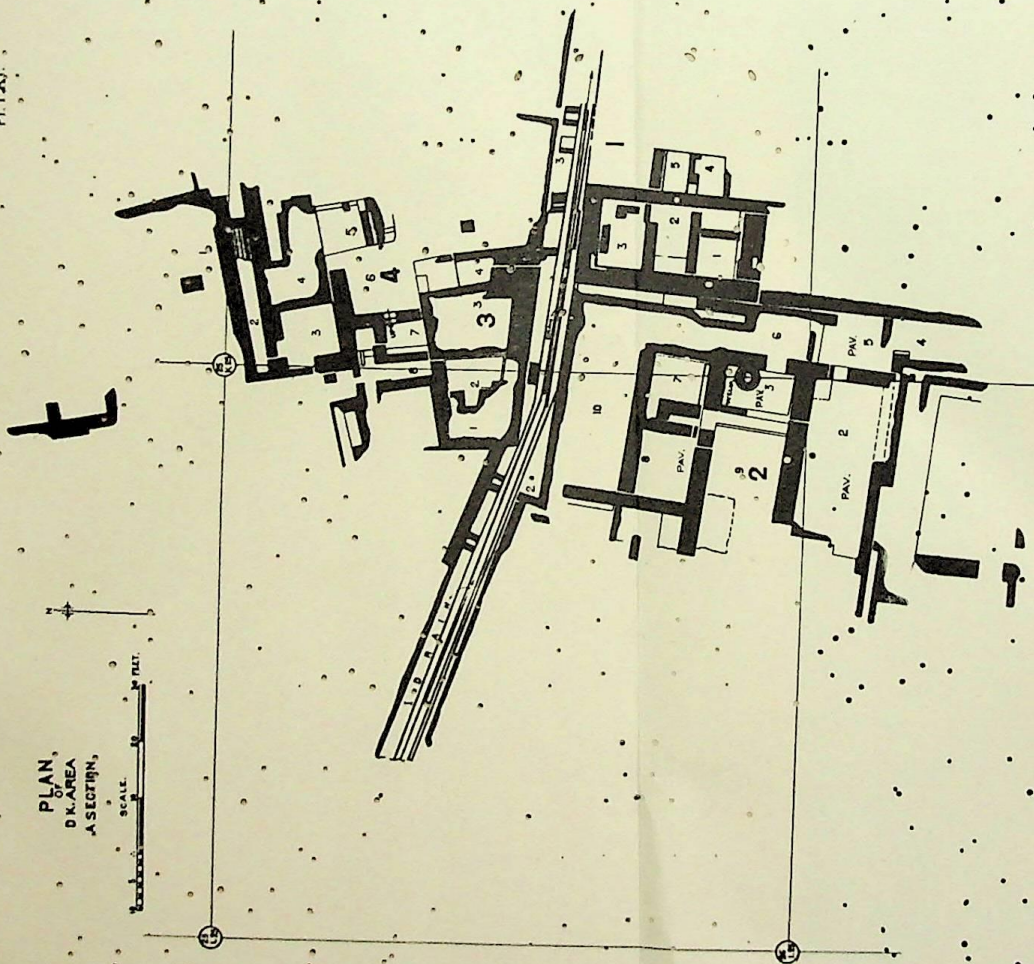

c) Courtyard of House XXVII showing pit sunk through crude brick filling.

VS. Area. (N. W.)

a) Chamber 3, in House XXI.

b) Jar in situ, in lane to south of House XIX.

c) Skeletons, in lane between Houses XVIII and XXXIII.

d) Deep digging II, showing strata exposed.

a) North wall of House XXV.

b) Group of (?) funerary pottery in Courtyard of House XXVII in front of [illegible]

Pl. I XI.
PLAN OF D K. AREA A SECTION
SCALE.
FEET.
N
1 D RAIN
PAV.
N. B. Block numbers are shown in big Arabic numerals
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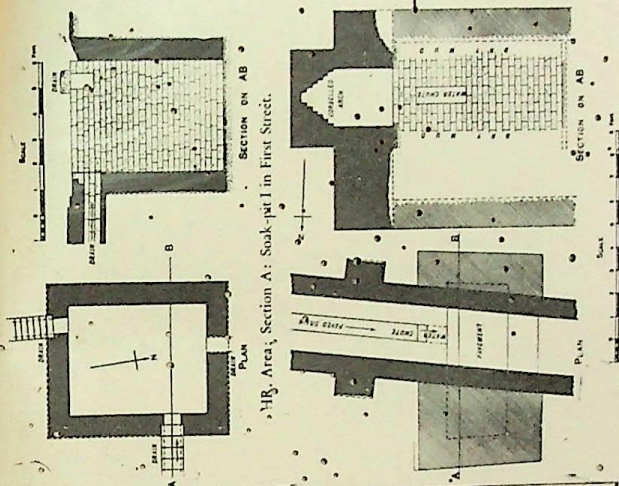
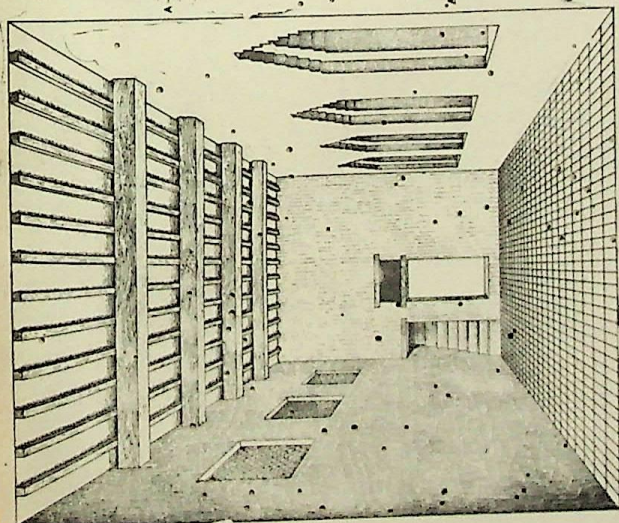
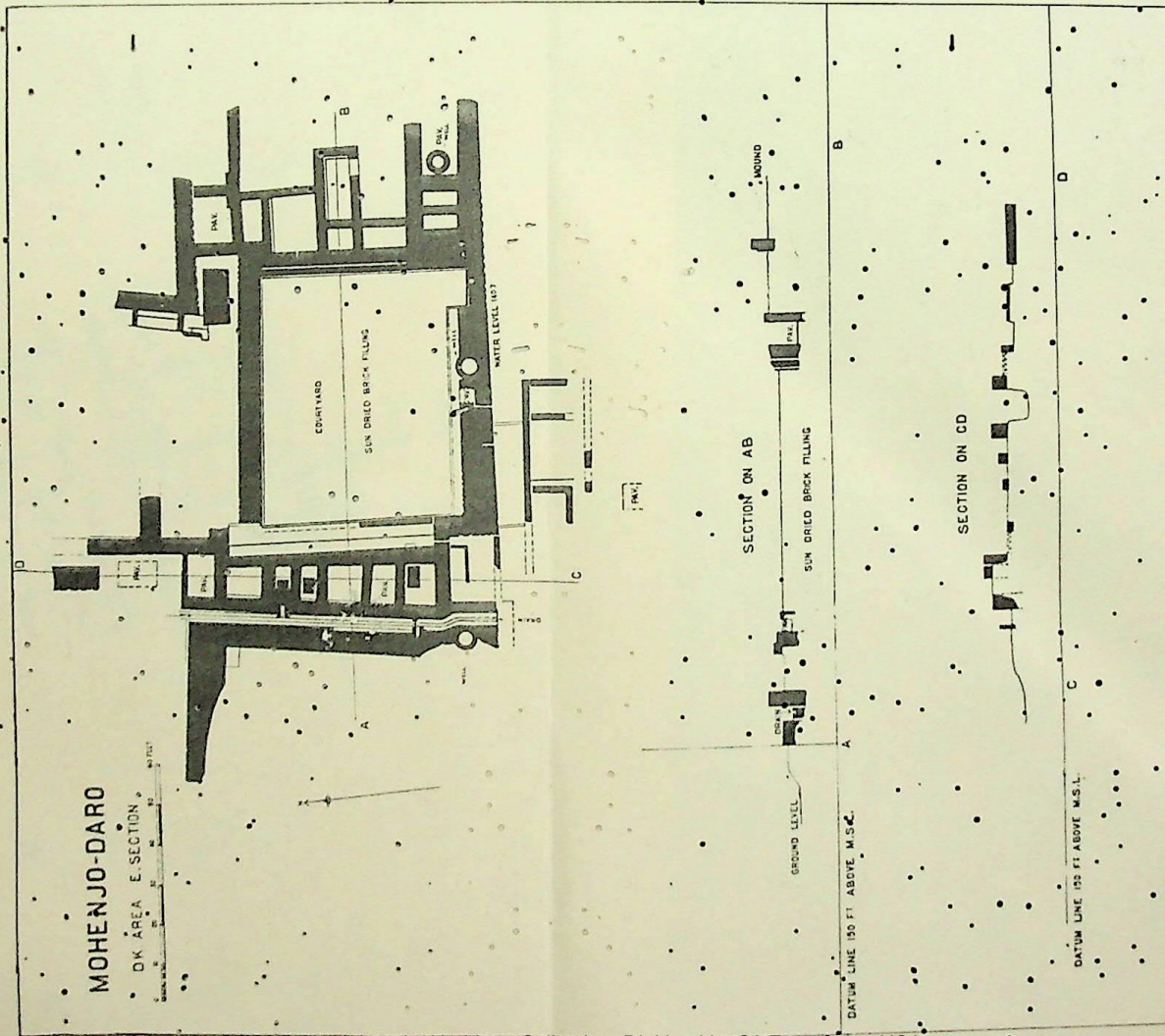
SECTION ON AA'
SECTION ON BB'
DK. AREA
BUILDINGS
IN
B & C SECTIONS
SCALE
STREET

PL. LXII

HR. Area; Section A: Soak-pit I in First Street.

HR. Area, Section B: Northern drain in House XXVIII.

Interior of Hall 76, House XIII, VS. Area.

DK. AREA

BUILDINGS
AT M
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LANE
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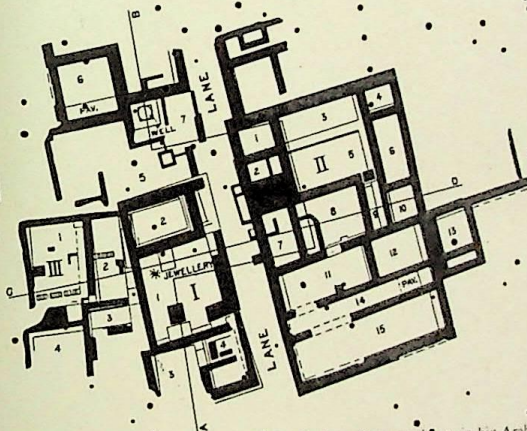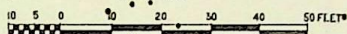
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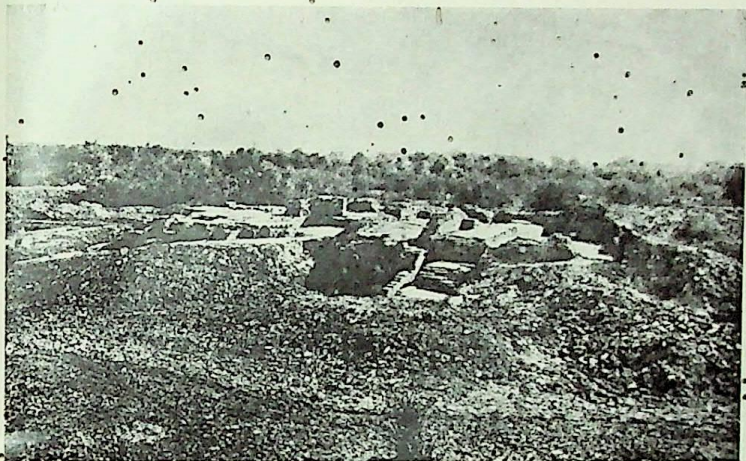
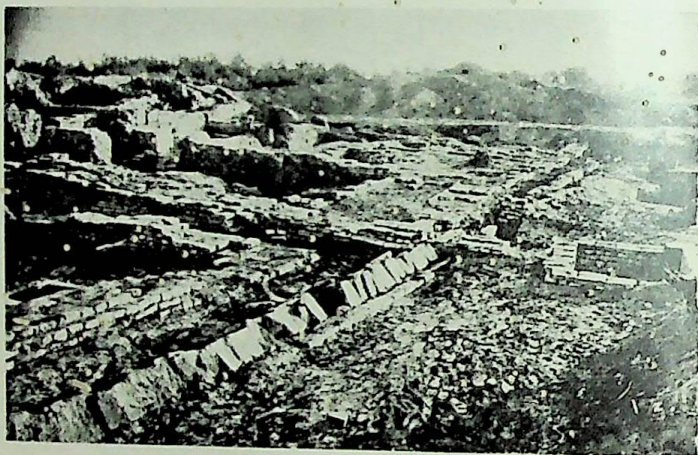
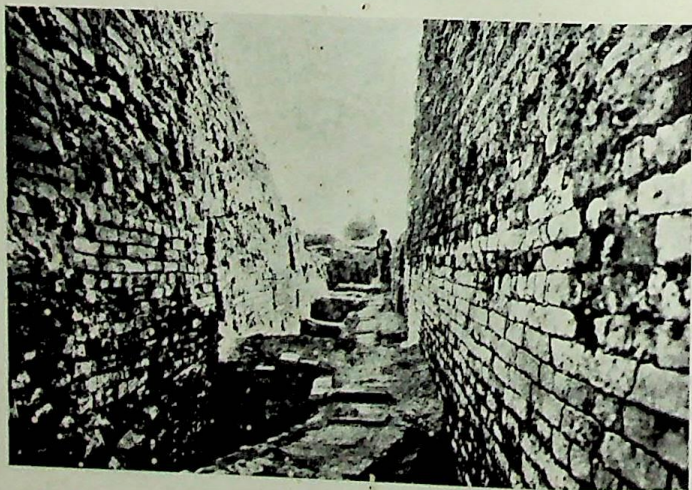
SECTIONS ON AB & CD

a) View of Block 2, from west.

b) View of Blocks 3 and 4, from north.

a) Section C, showing pent-roofed drain in middle of street between Blocks 3 and 5, from south-west.

b) Section A. Street between Blocks 2 and 3, looking east.

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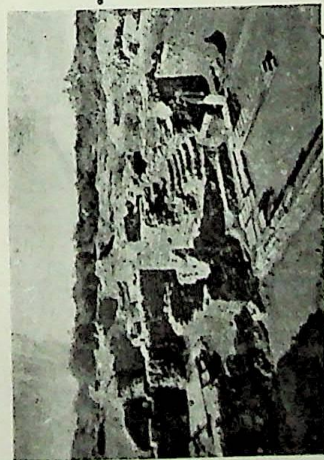
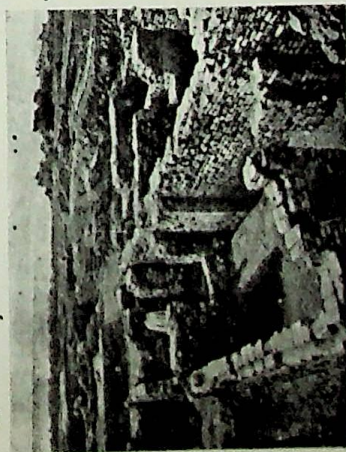
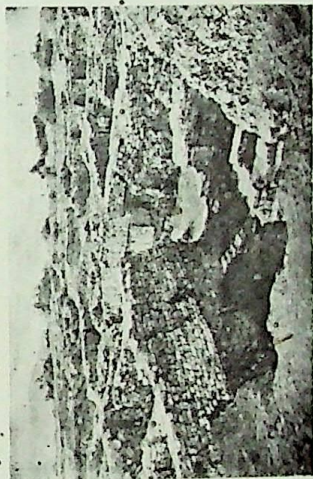
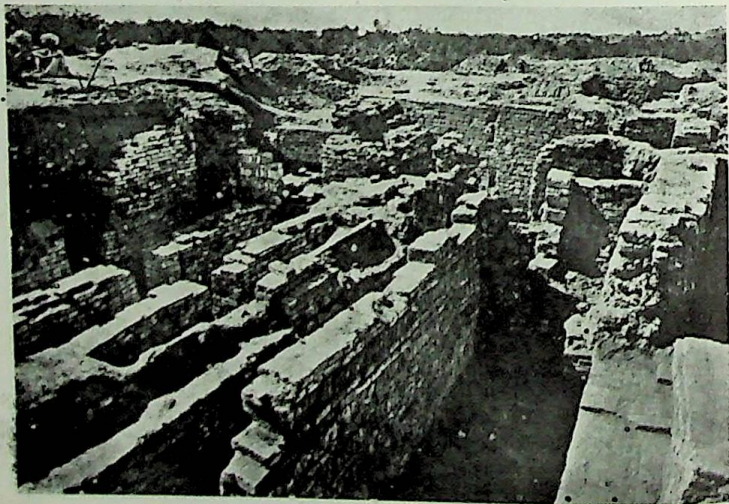
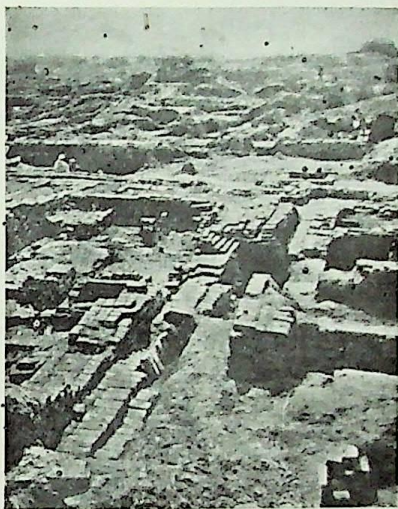
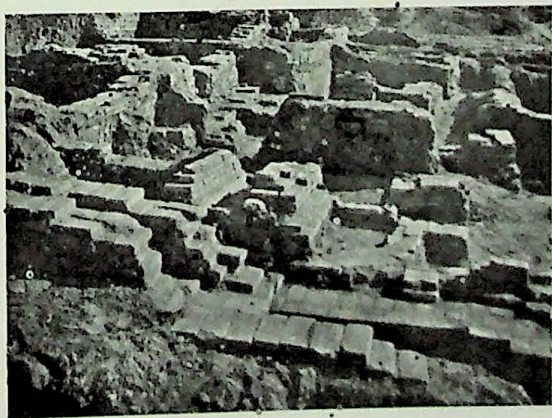

a) Block 2, House III: Chamber 3, looking south-west

b) Block 4, House X: Chamber 26, looking north-west.

c) Block 3, House VI, looking south-east.

d) Blocks 3 and 4: Lane 90, showing Chambers 22 and 25 of House XVII in foreground, from north-west.

a) View of Section C, showing street through middle. In right hand foreground are Chamber 8, 9 and 10 of Block 2, seen from north-west

b) Section B. Block 2, House II : Room 1, from north-east.

a) Drain in lane between Blocks 2 and 3 showing cess-pit in distance, from north.

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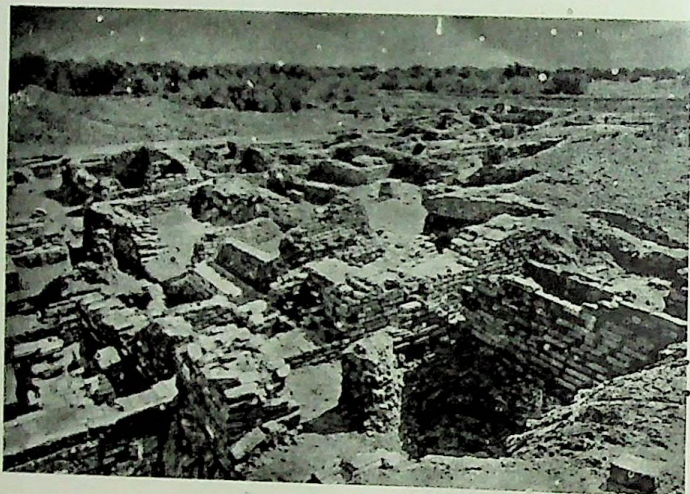
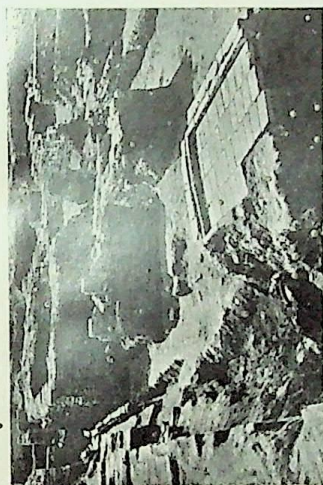
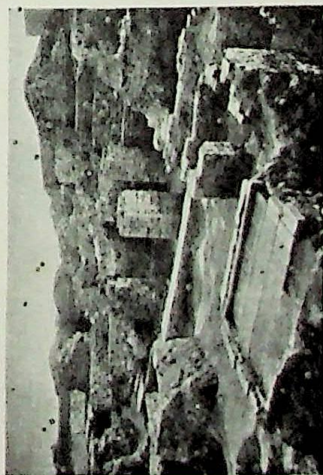

a) Block 6 in foreground with, Blocks 10, 11 and 12 beyond, looking south-east

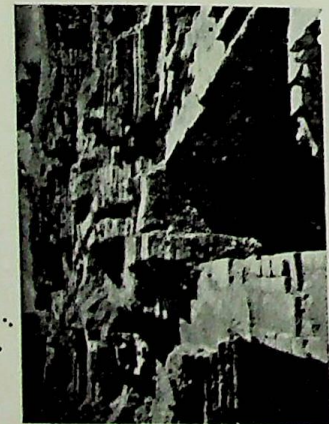
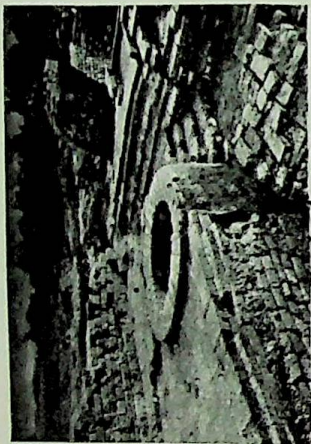
b) General view of Blocks 8 and 10, from north-east.

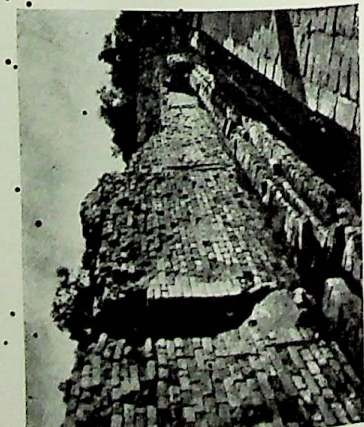
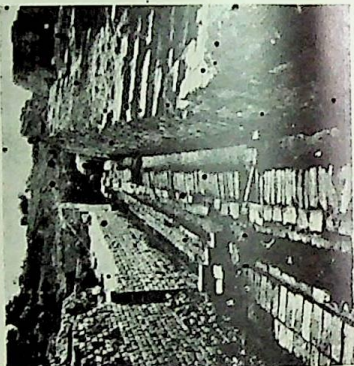
DK. Area, Section C.

a) Block 3: Northern wall of Chamber 8.

b) Lane between Blocks 8 and 9 with bath-room floor in foreground belonging to Chamber 11 of Block 8, from north-east.

c) Block 8. Bath in Chamber 1 and brick- piers in Chamber 5, from north-east.

d) Well in Chamber 12 of Block 10, from east-north-east.

Pl. LXXII.

DK. Area, Section C.

a) Late drain in street between Bl̃ocks 2 and 3 1̃rom south.

b) Block 11, well in Chamber 6 from south-west.

c) Lane between Blooks 11 and 12, showing water-chute in wall of Block 11.

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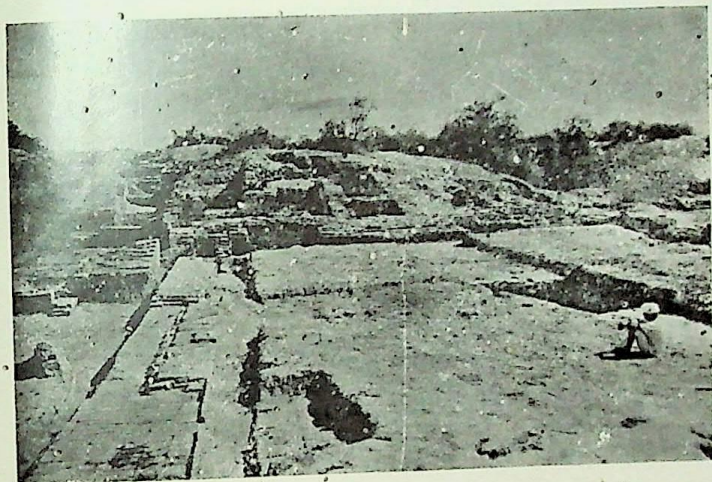
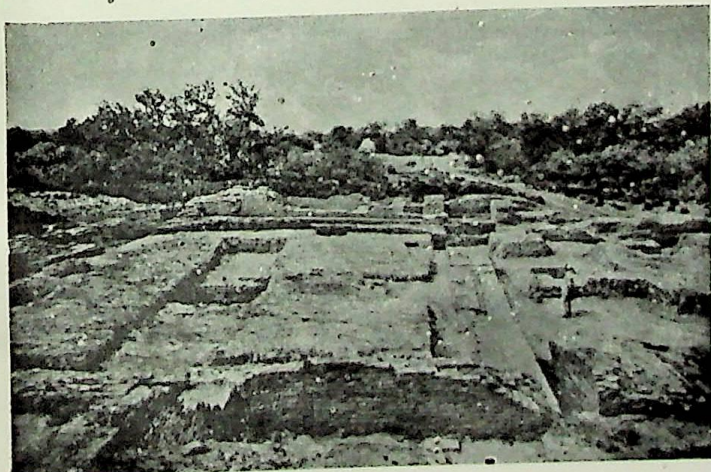
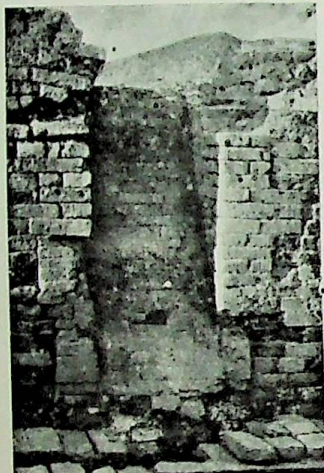
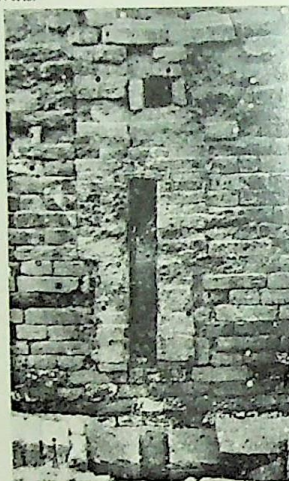
PL. LXXIII

a) Eastern end of large courtyard from north-west, showing crude brick filling.

b) Western end of courtyard from east.

Water-chutes and culverts.

a) Water-chute in street, Section C, DK. Area

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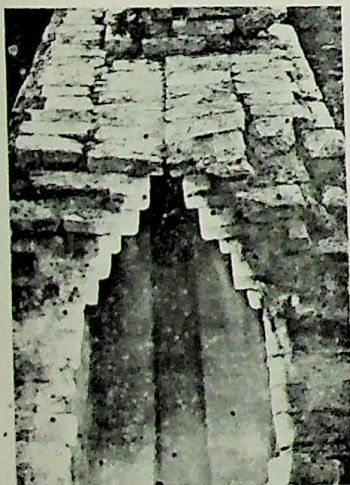
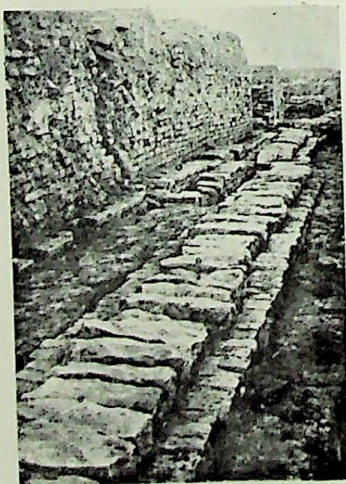
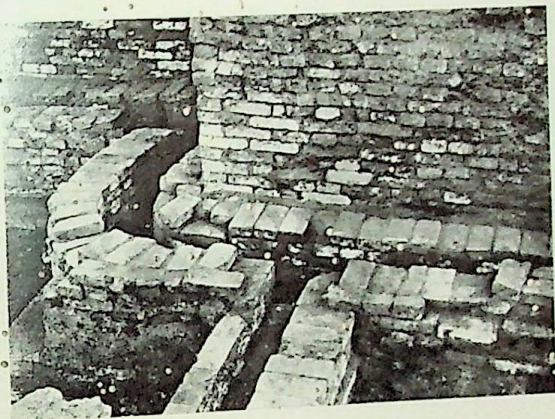
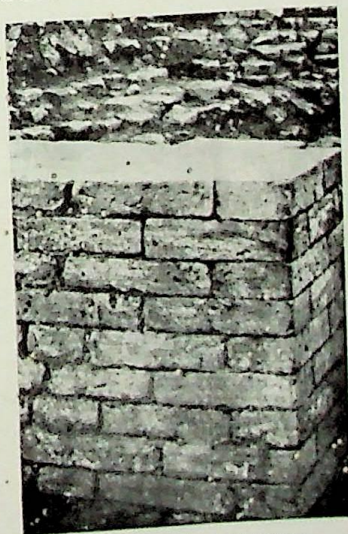

c) Culvert in HR. Area

d) Drain in main street of SD. Area.

Masonry and drains.

SD. Area. Drain with curved corner.

b) HR. Area. Outlet of drain and drain-pot.

c) SD. Area. North-east corner of Bath building.

Pottery.

Masonry and water-channels.

Pottery.

Pottery.

SCORED POTTERY.
TYPE B.
SCALE. 1:8
BEAKERS.
TYPE C.
1:6
PEDESTAL BASES.
TYPE D.
1:6
LEDGE-NECKED JARS.
TYPE E.
1:6
RIBBED POTTERY.
TYPE F.
1:6
VASE-LIKE JARS.
TYPE G.
1:6
K.N.P.

Pottery.

SMALL BEAKERS.
TYPE H.
1:6
TALL VASES. 1:6
NARROW MOUTHED VASES. J.
TYPE J.a
1:6
NARROW STEMMED JARS. K. 1:6
WIDE SHOULDERED JARS.
TYPE L.
1:6
NARROW-BASED BOWLS.
TYPE M.
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N. 1:6
SMALL PAINTED WARE. O.
1:6
HEAVY BASED WARE.
TYPE P.
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BOWLS.
TYPE Q.
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FLARED MOUTHS.
TYPE S.
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Pottery.

MISCELLANEOUS SHAPES
GROUP T
SCALE. 1:6
DISHES.
TYPE U.
1:6
BASINS.
TYPE V.
1:6
PANS.
TYPE W.
1:6
JAR COVERS.
TYPE X.
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K.N.P.

Pottery.

FLUTED POTTERY. TYPE Y. SCALE. 1:6
CYLINDRICAL WARE. Z. 1:8
DRAIN PIPE.
SCORED PIPKINS. TYPE AA. 1:6
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HANDLED CUPS. TYPE AC. 1:6
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Pottery.

INSECT CAGES. 1:6
HEATERS
TYPE AE
SCALE. 1:6
DK.784
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HR.4529
C.237
F.1564
HR.
HR.688
DK.538
SD.1291
HR.6062
HR.5428
HR.4097
SD.1217
HR.4335
VS.326
L.1036
DK
D
STORAGE JARS
GROUP AG
1:12
HR.4812
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VS.125
HR.3988
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HR.228
L.240
K. N. P.

Pottery.

STORAGE JARS. GROUP AG.
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2
NO.7
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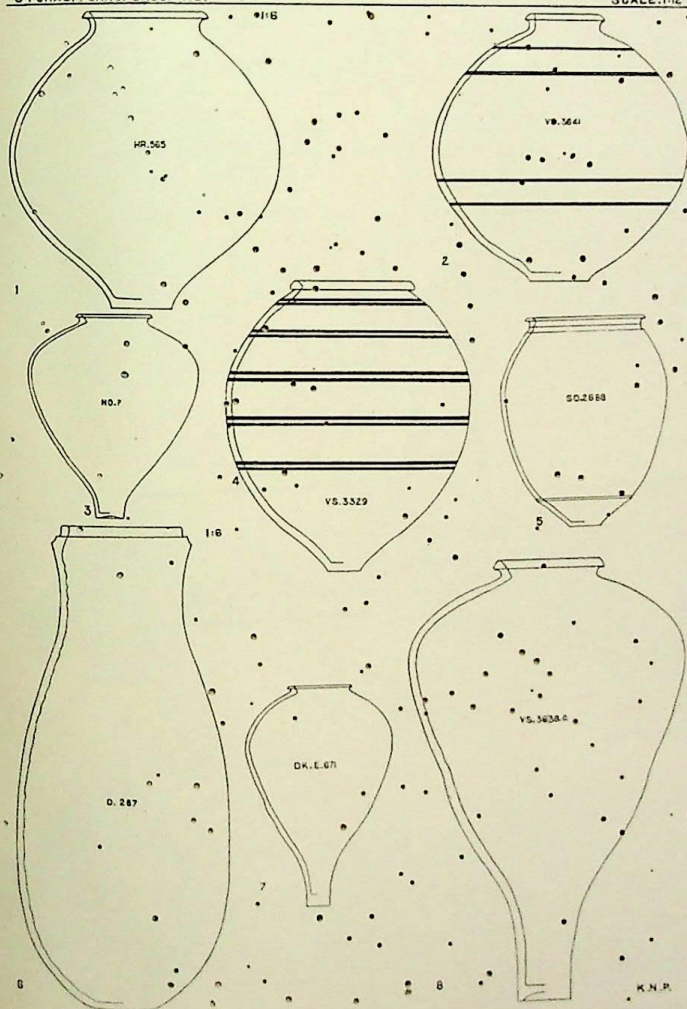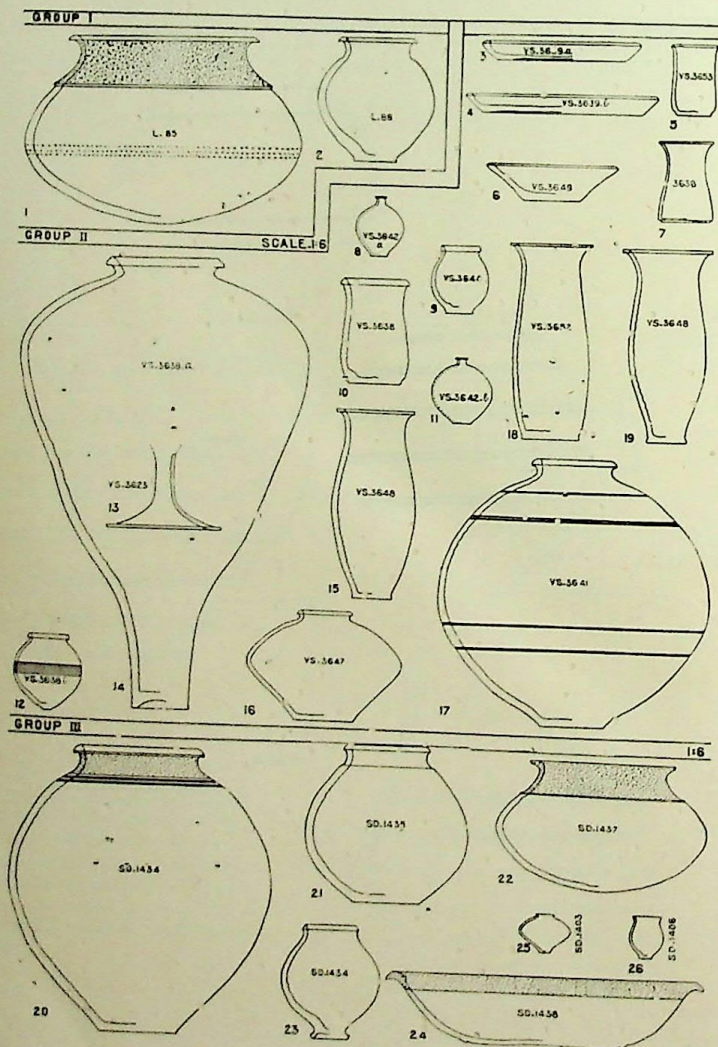
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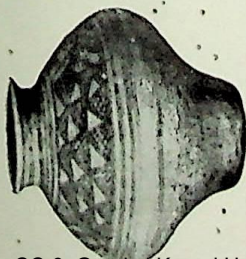
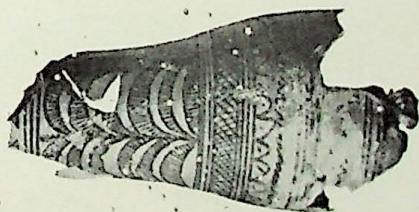
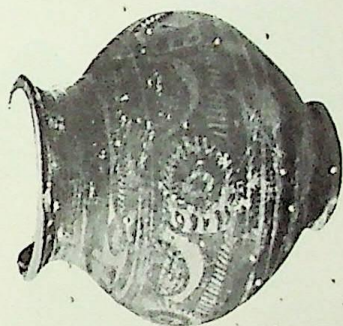
Specimens of Painted pottery.

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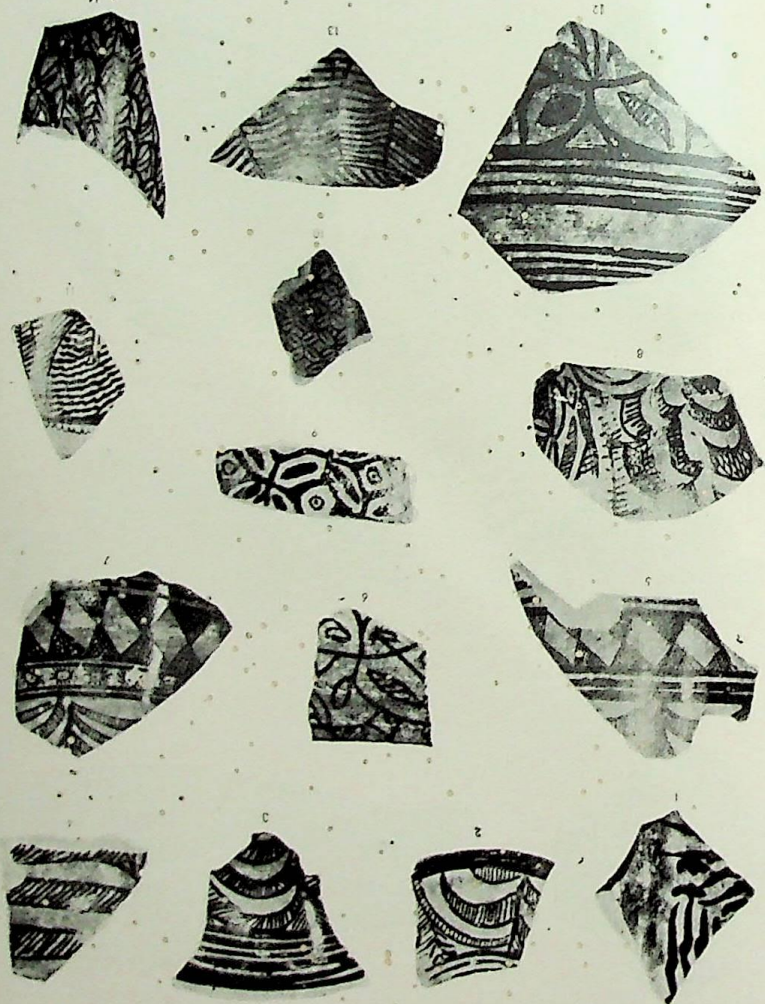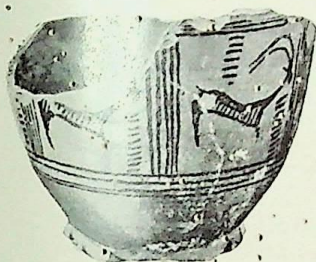
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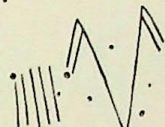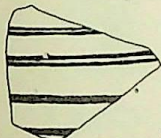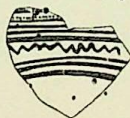
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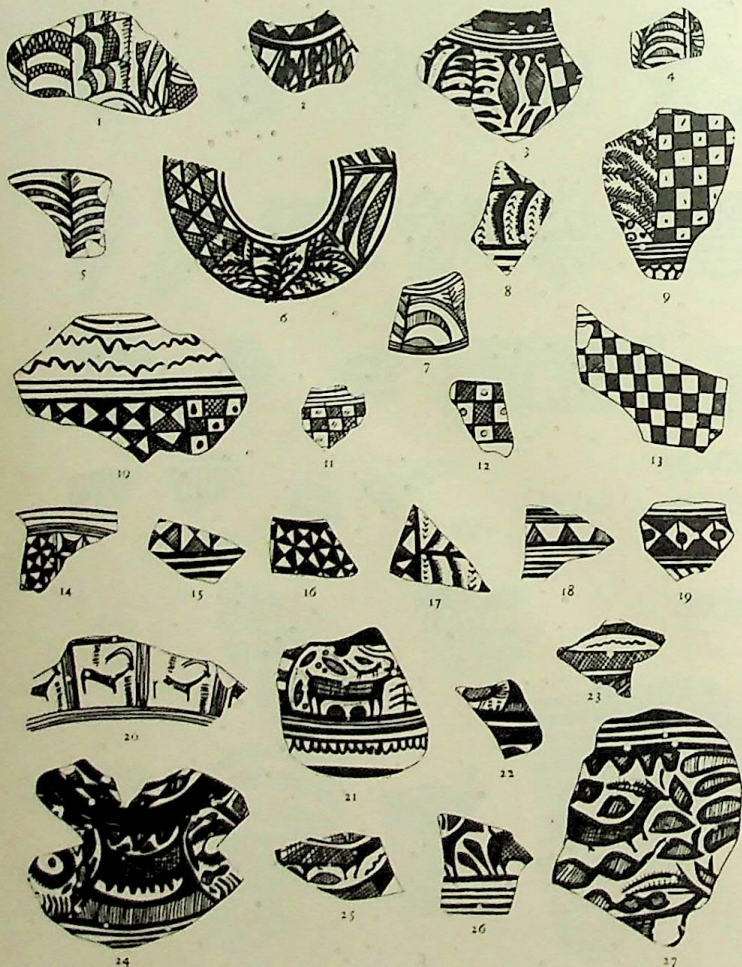
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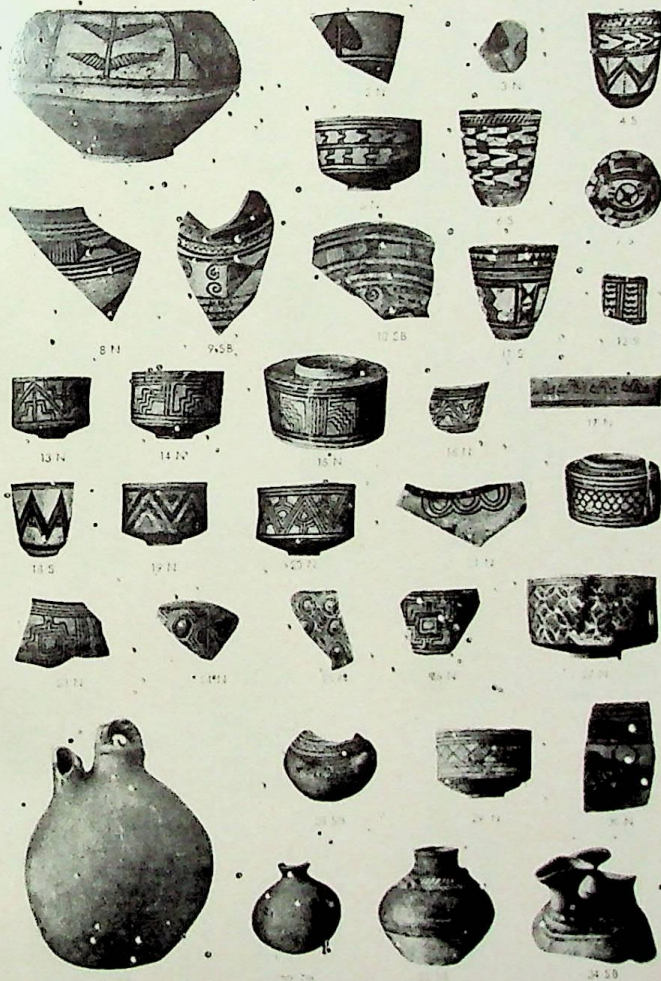
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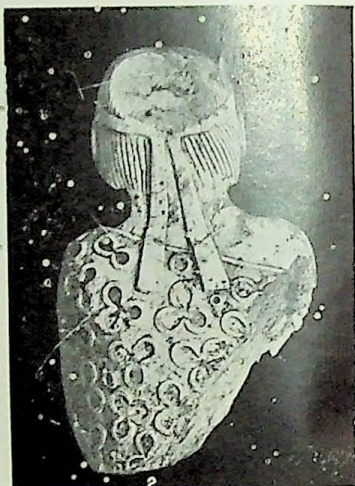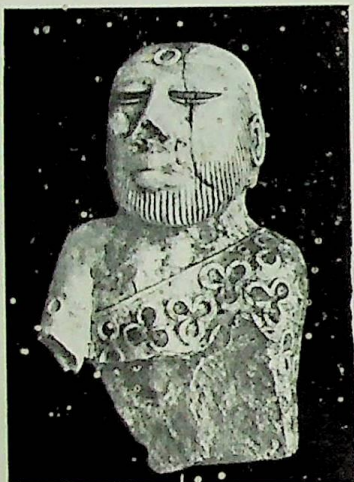
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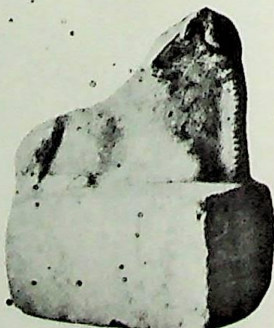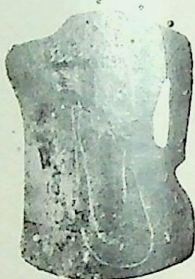
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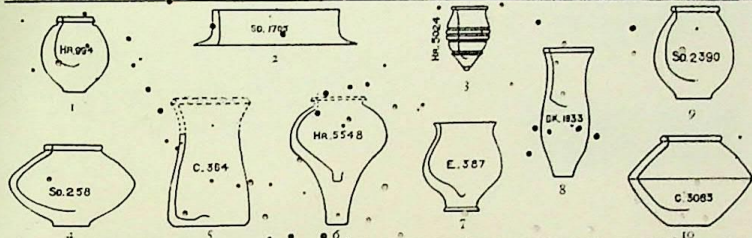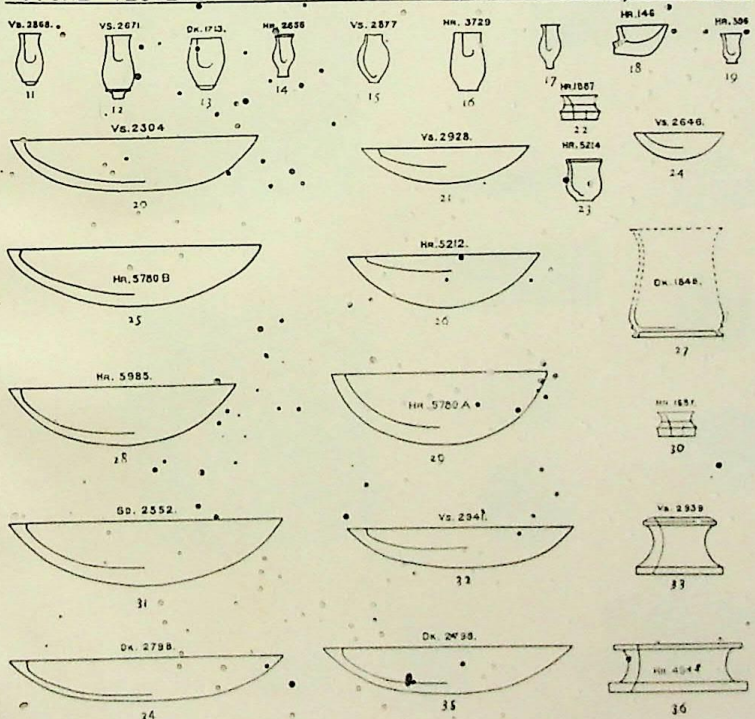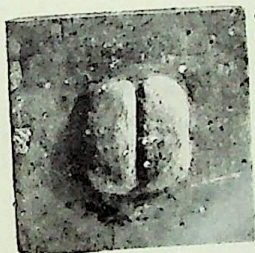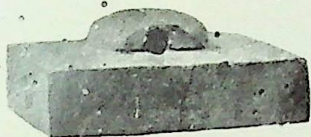
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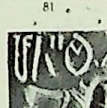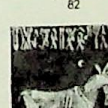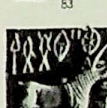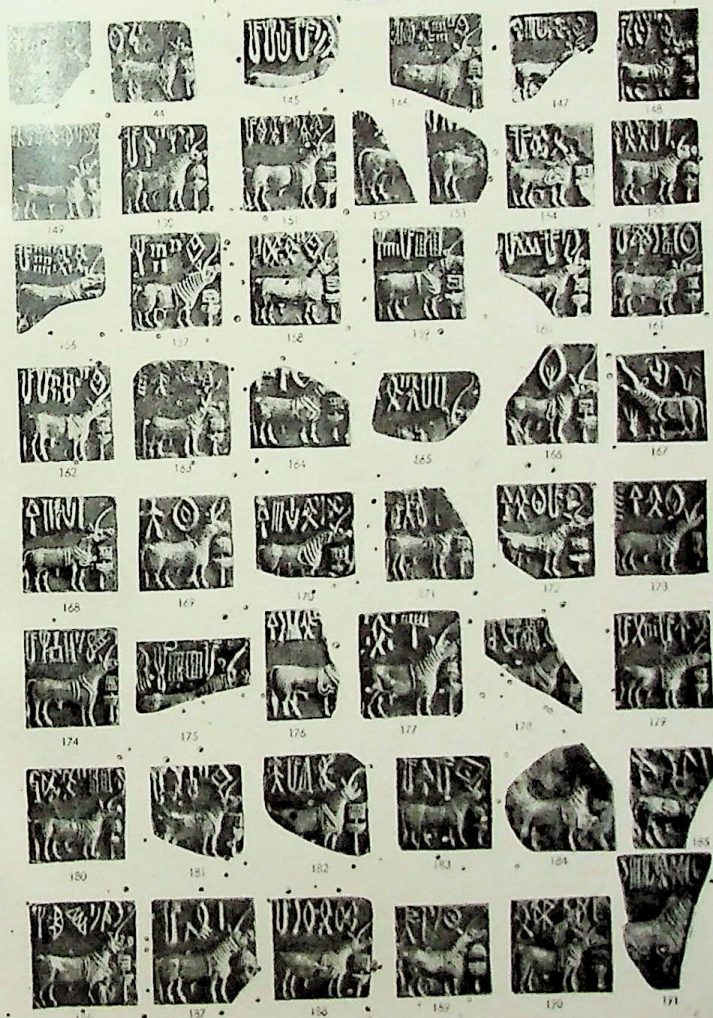
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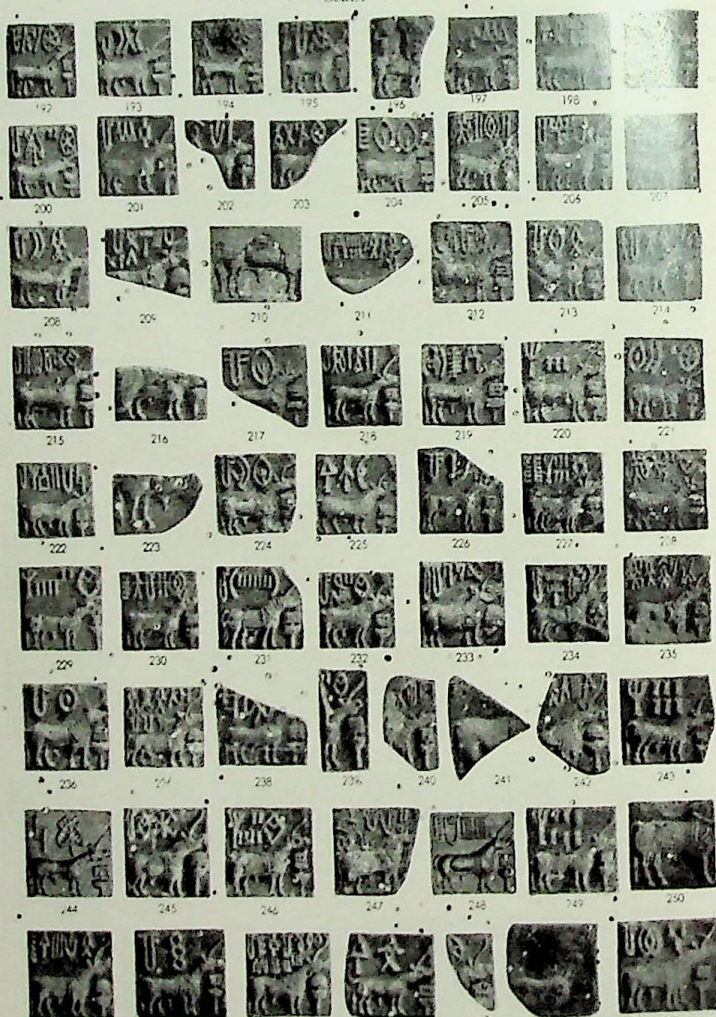
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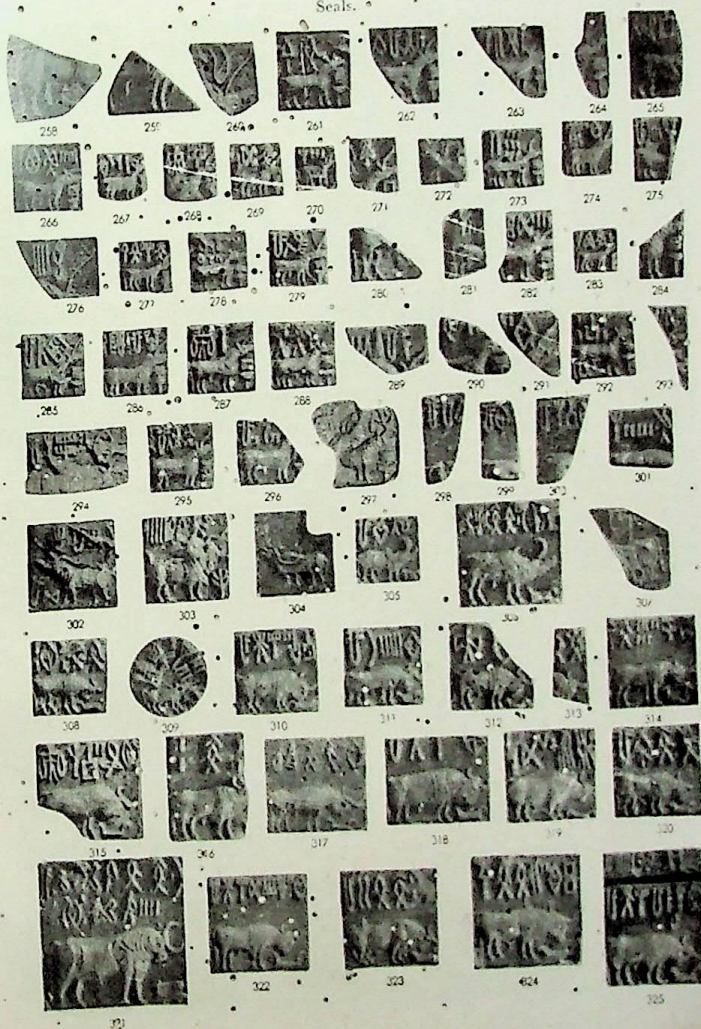
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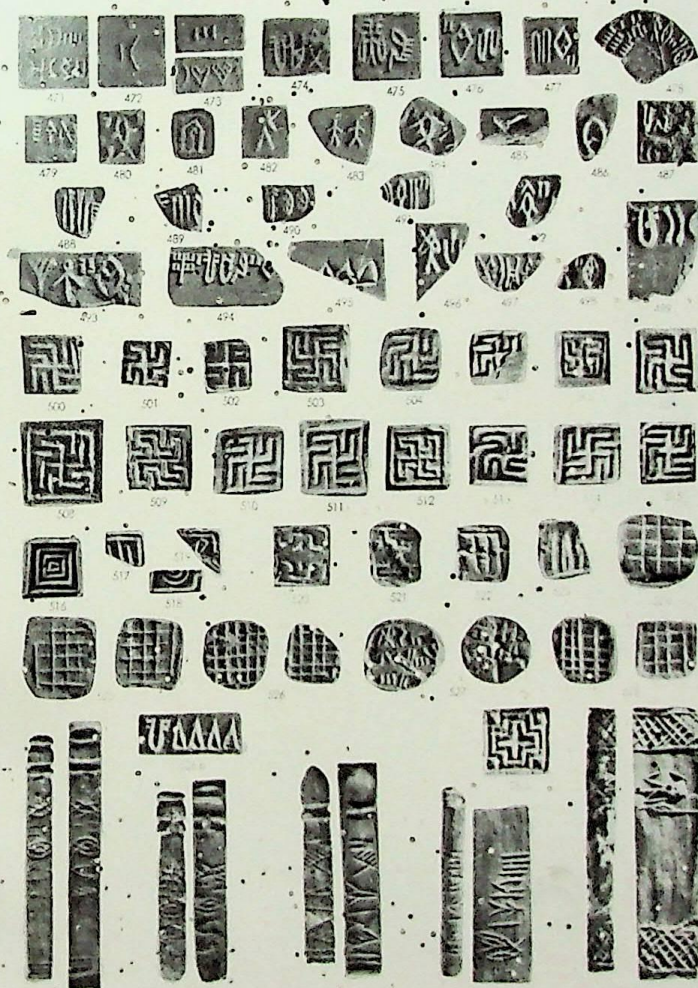
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Tools, implements and miscellaneous objects.

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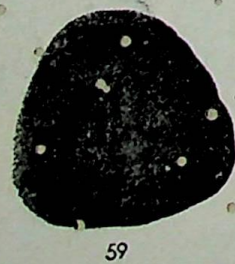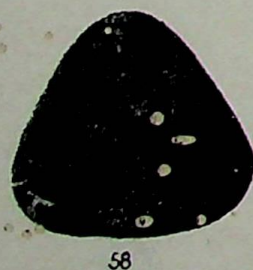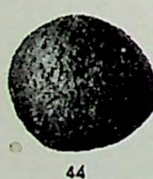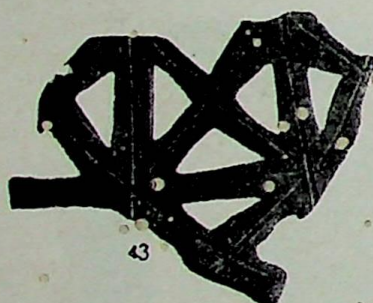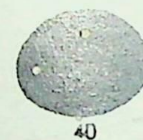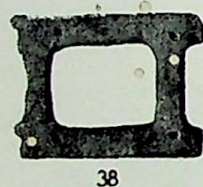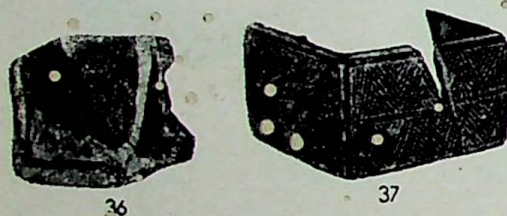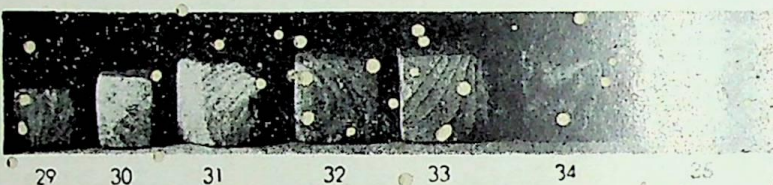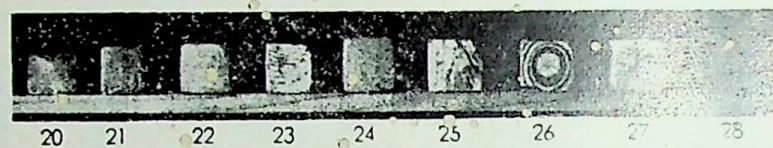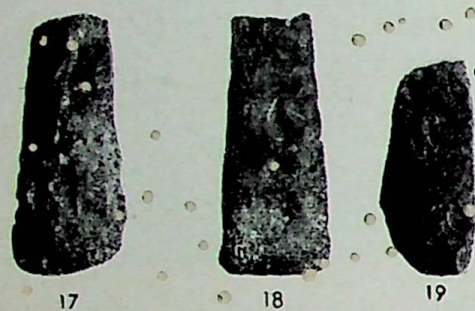
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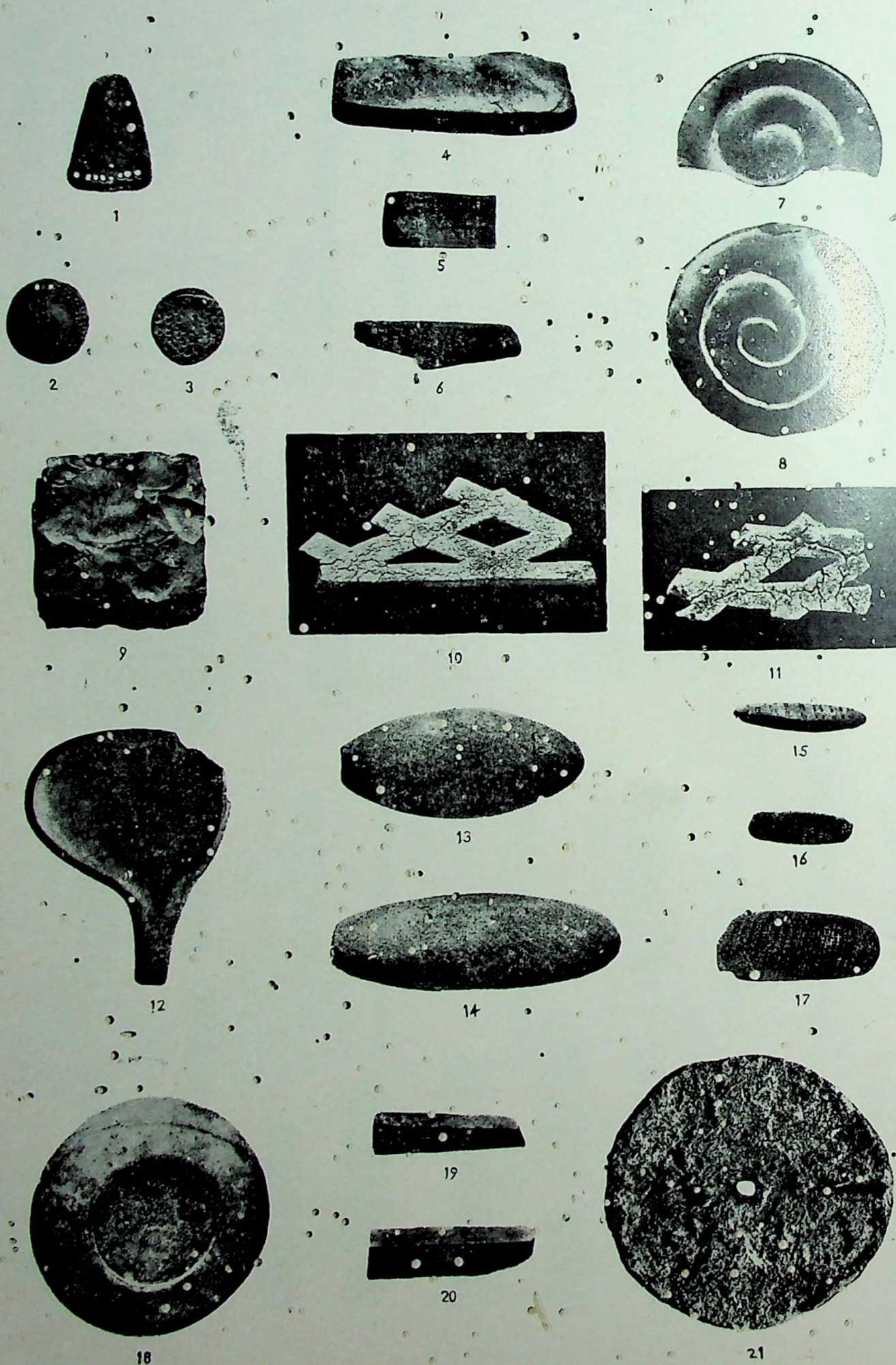
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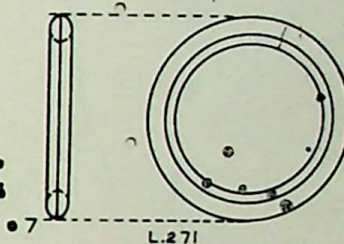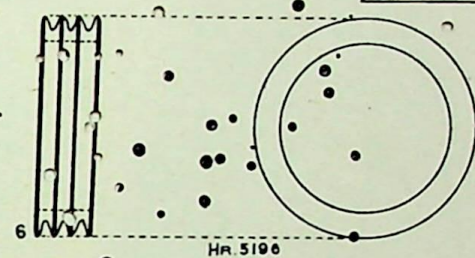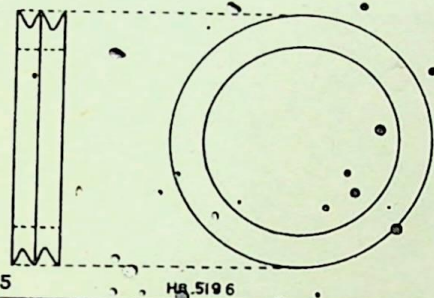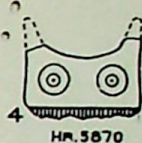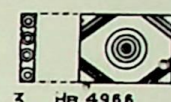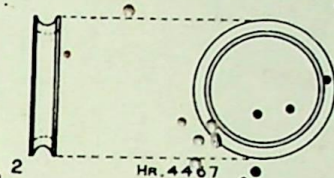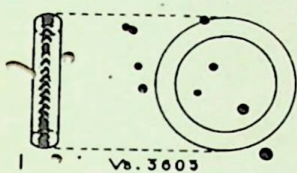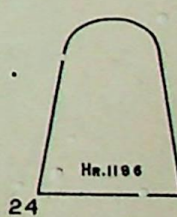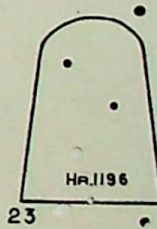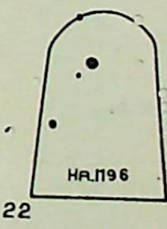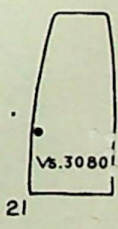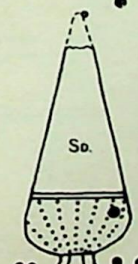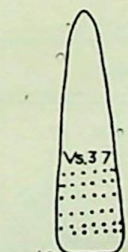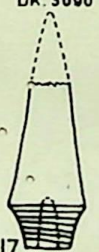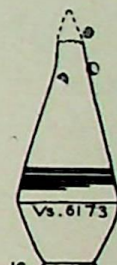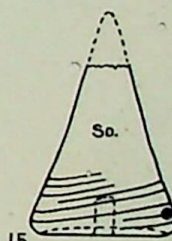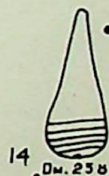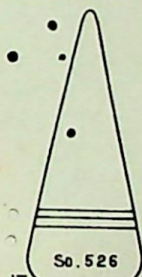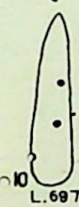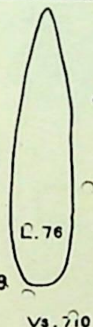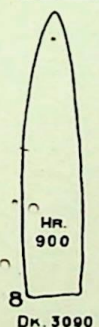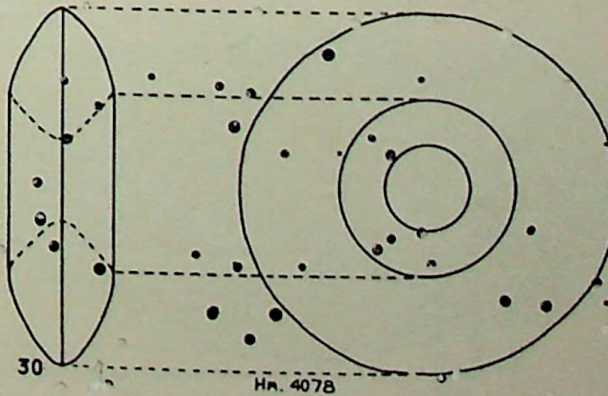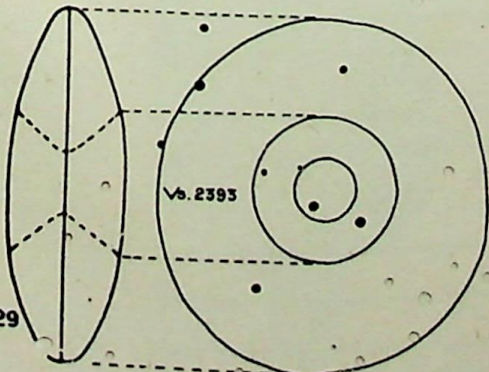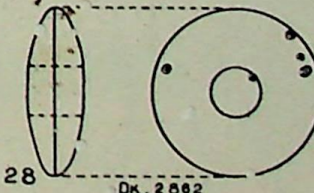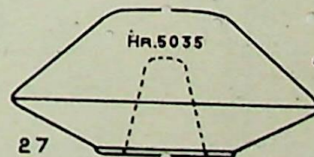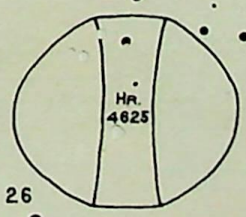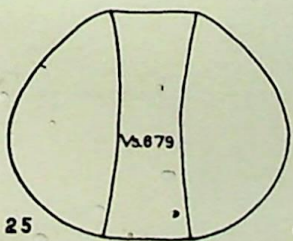
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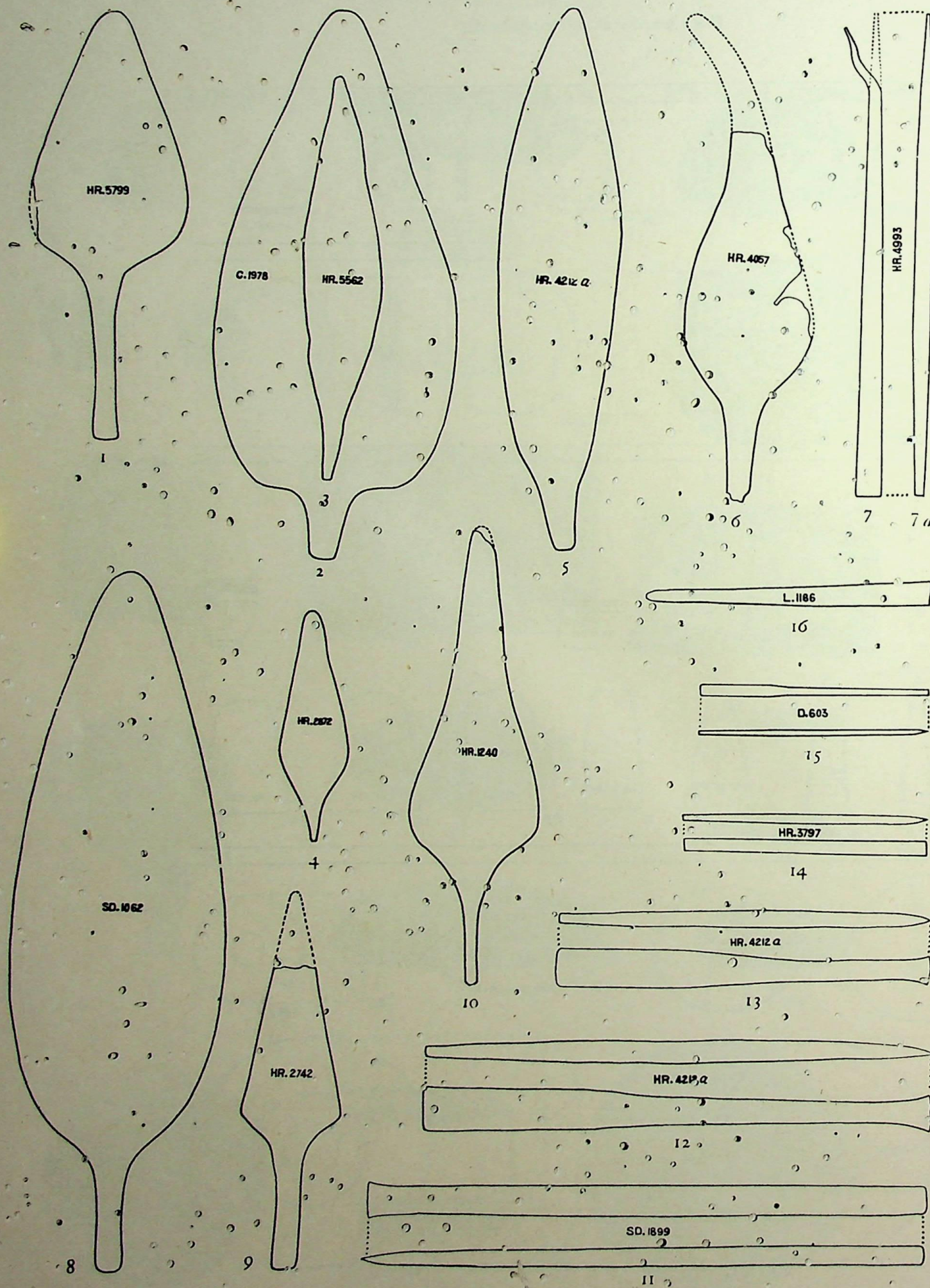
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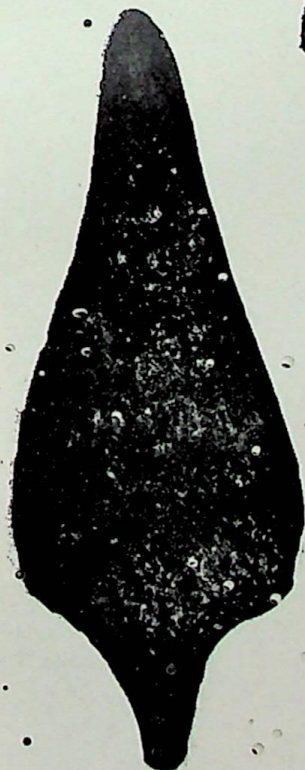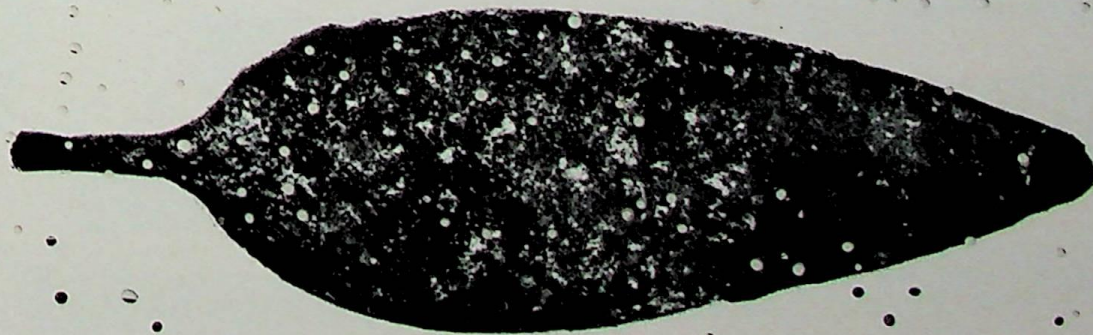
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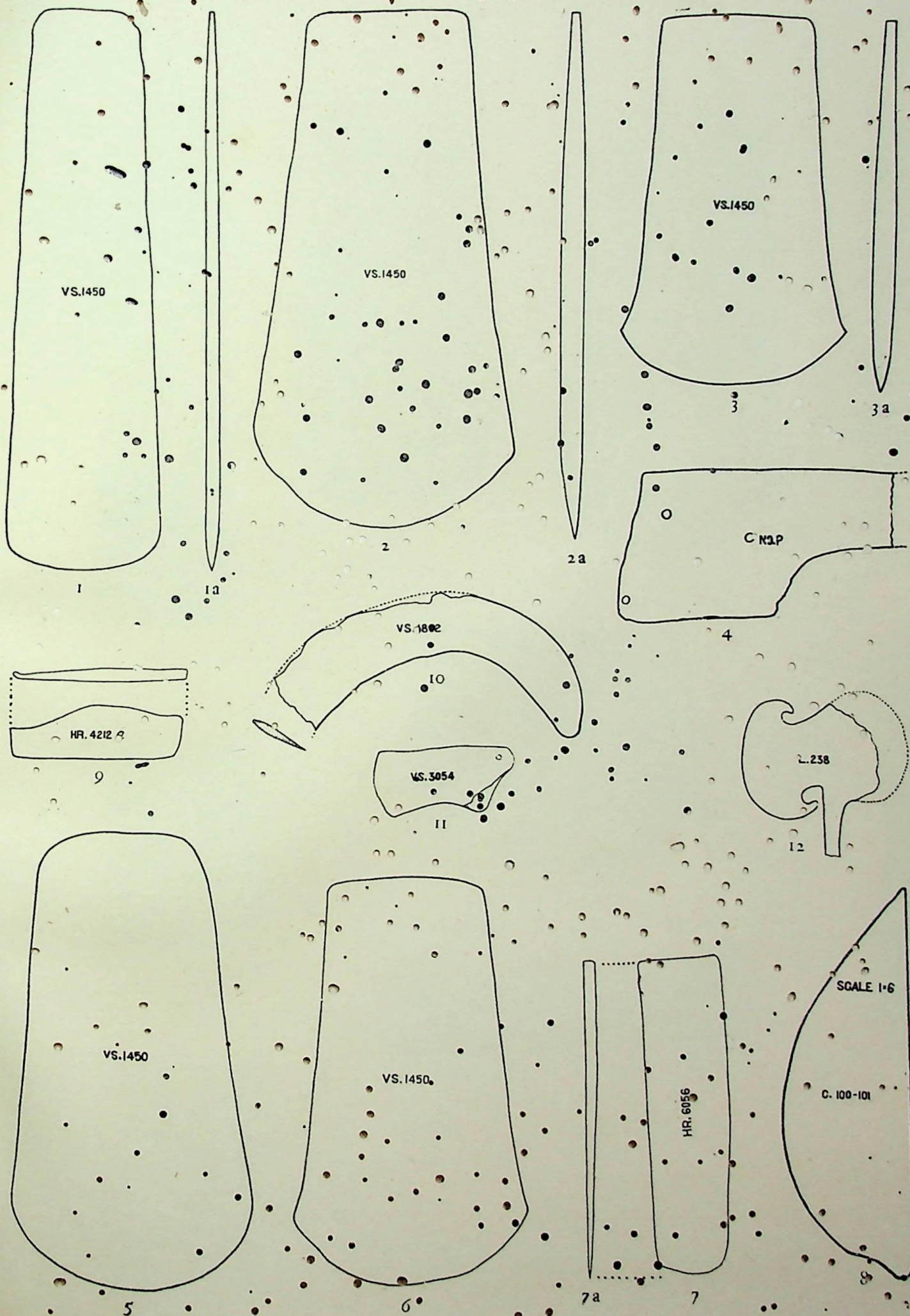
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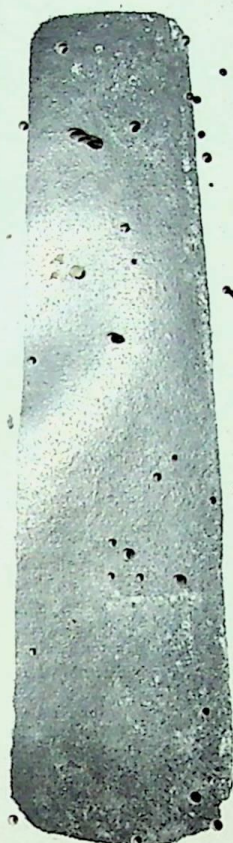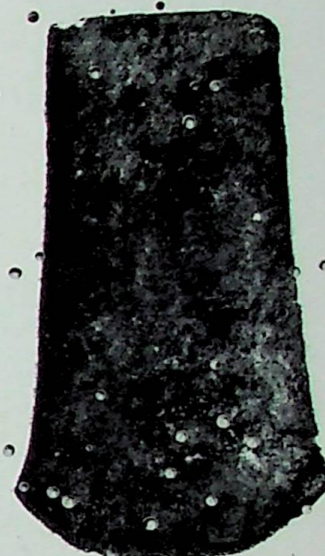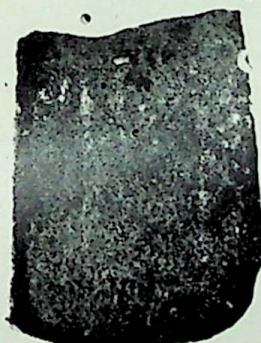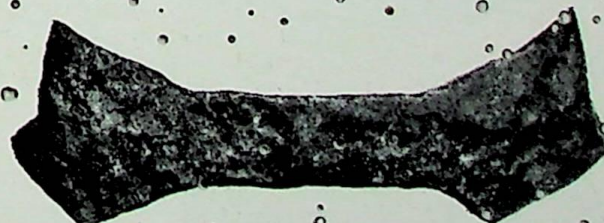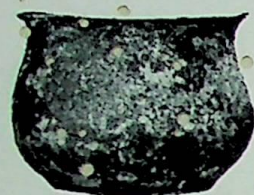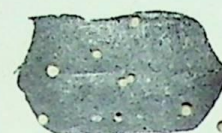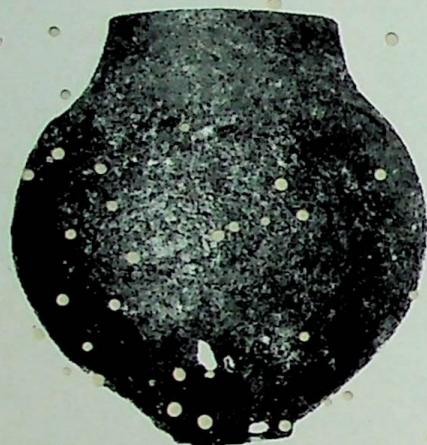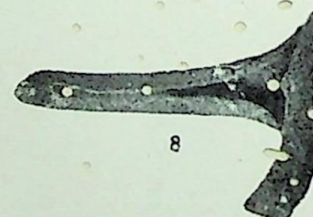
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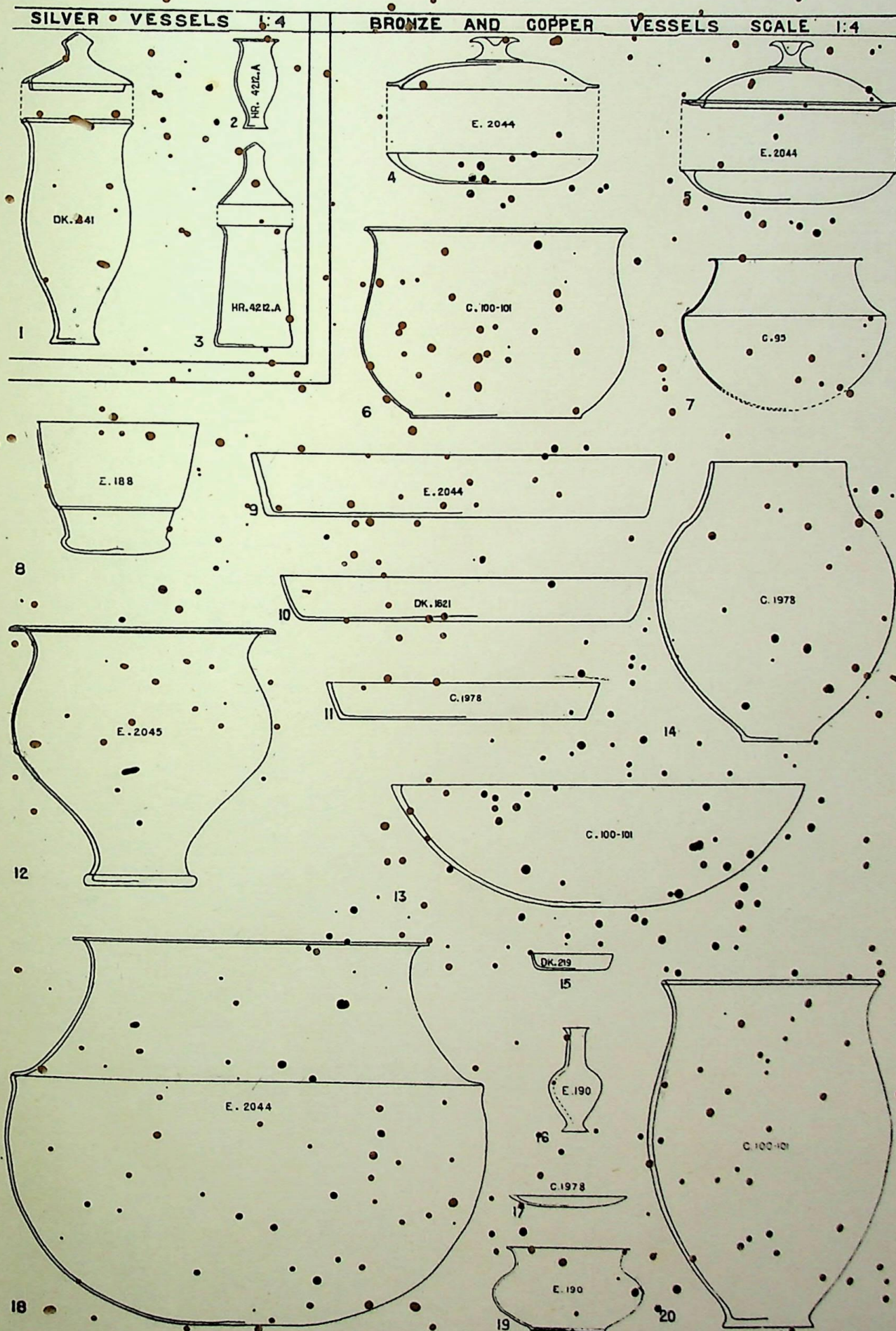
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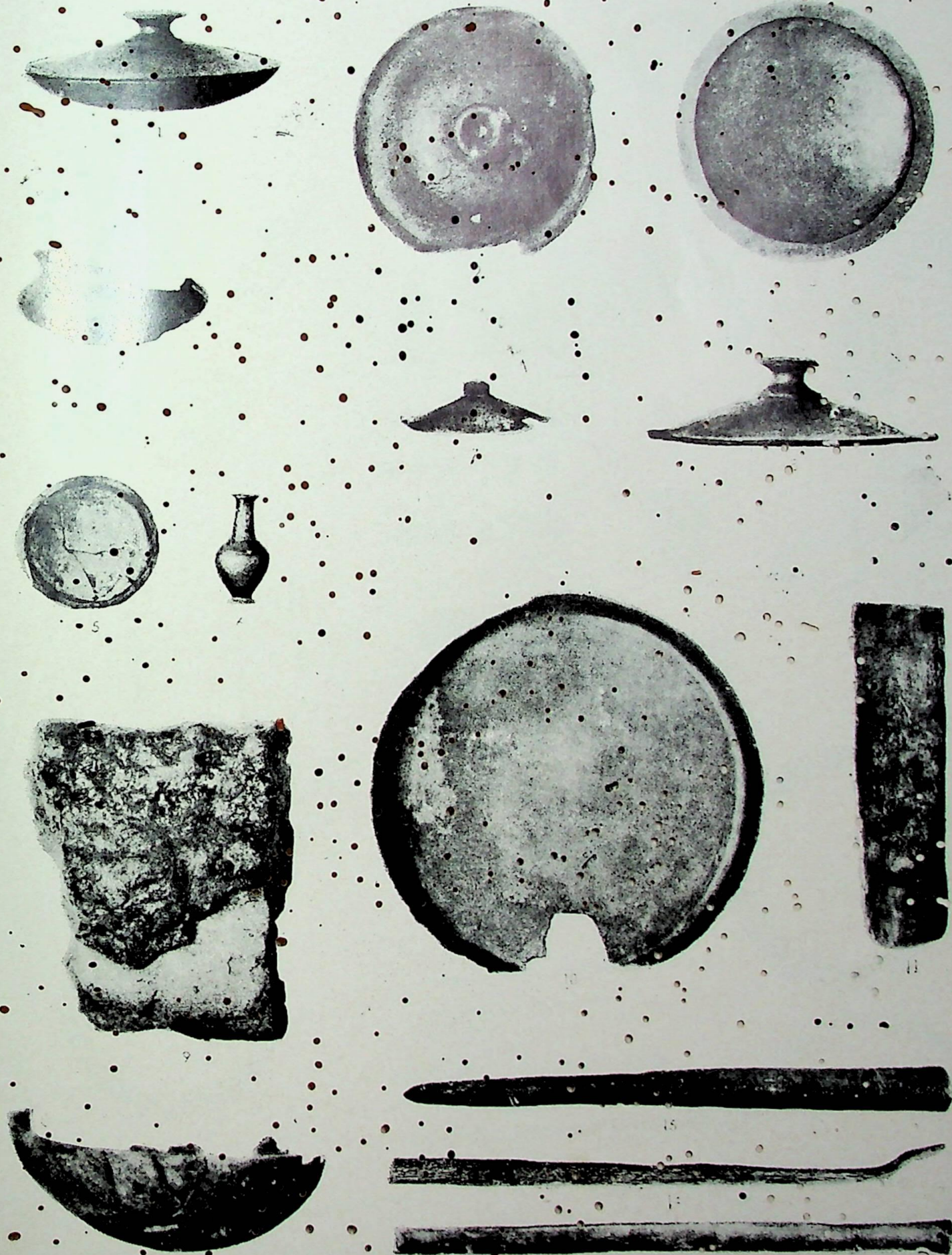
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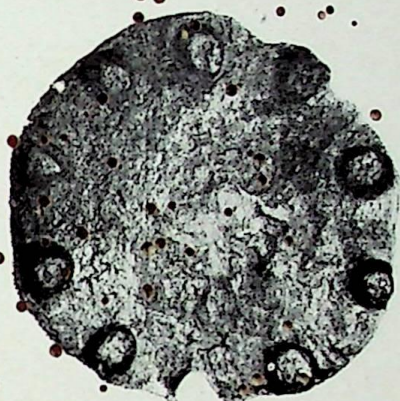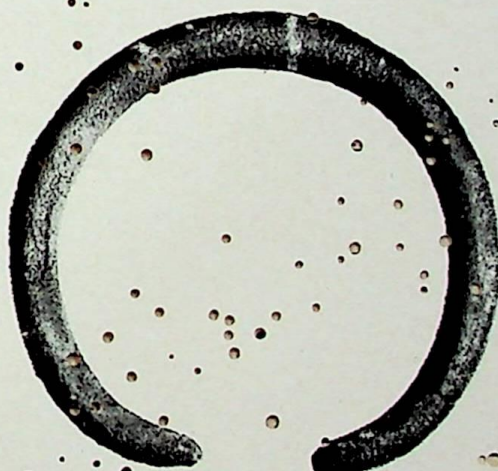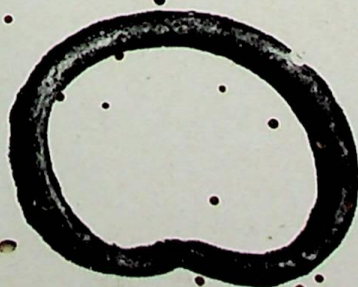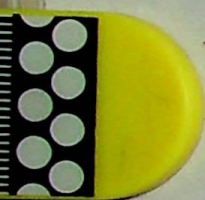
Beads.

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L.550
Dk.1341
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L.651
D.326-329
Vs.1875
COG-WHEEL TYPE
Hr.4366
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L.1092
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TAPERED FLUTED BEADS
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LONG BARREL CYLINDER BEADS
Dm.127
L.993
Vs.2963
Sd.944
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Sd.1845
SHORT-BARREL TYPE, ROUND IN SECTION
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Dk.1341
E.2044
L.427
L.766
Vs.393
L.731
LONG-BARREL BEADS, ROUND IN SECTION
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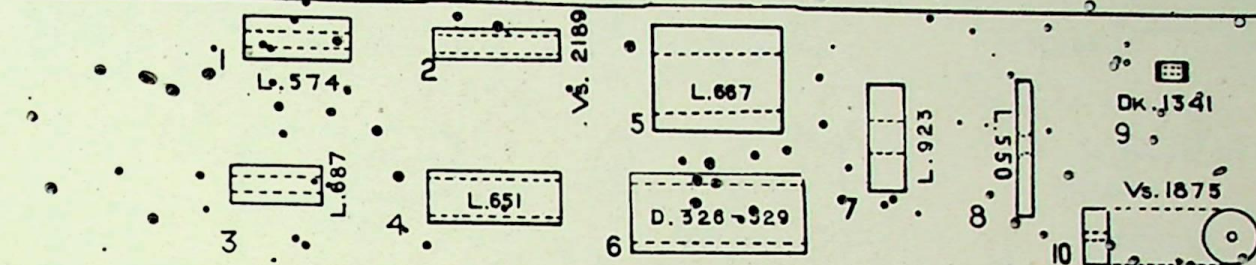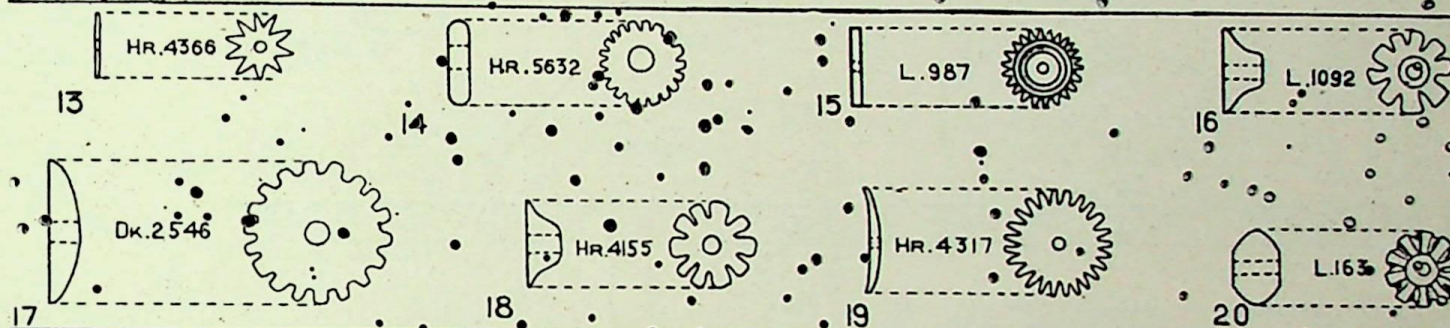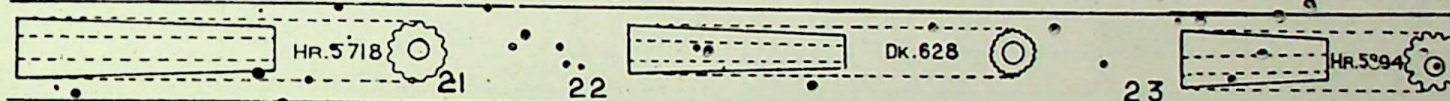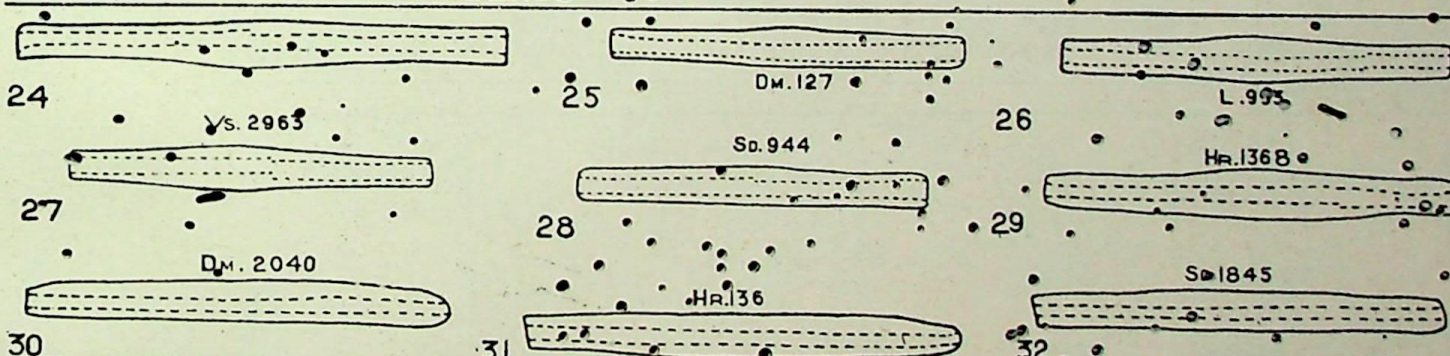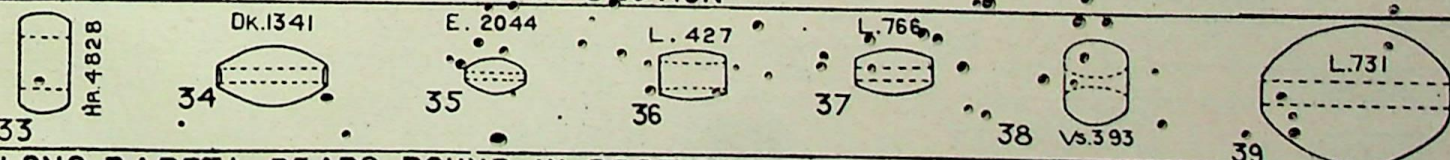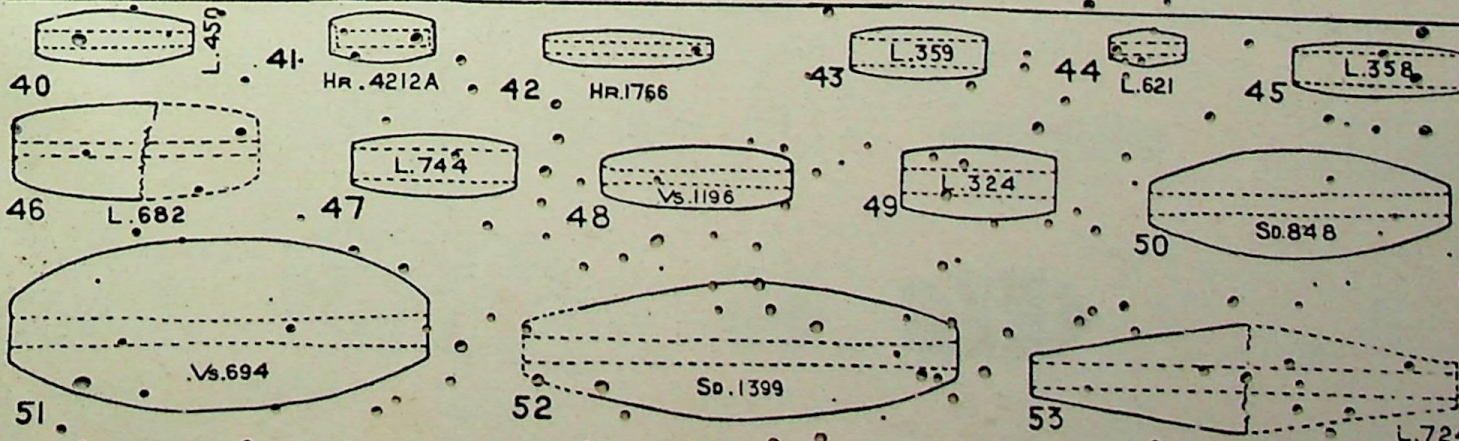
Beads.

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So.1629
L.660
Hr.2529
L.390
Vs.3193
Hr.1147
Hr.2051
Hr. 4212 A
L.818
RECTANGULAR BEADS, OVAL OR HALF-ROUND IN SECTION
LARGE DISC BEAD
Vs.2101
L.749
C.3173
Hr.4212.A
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SEGMENTED BEADS
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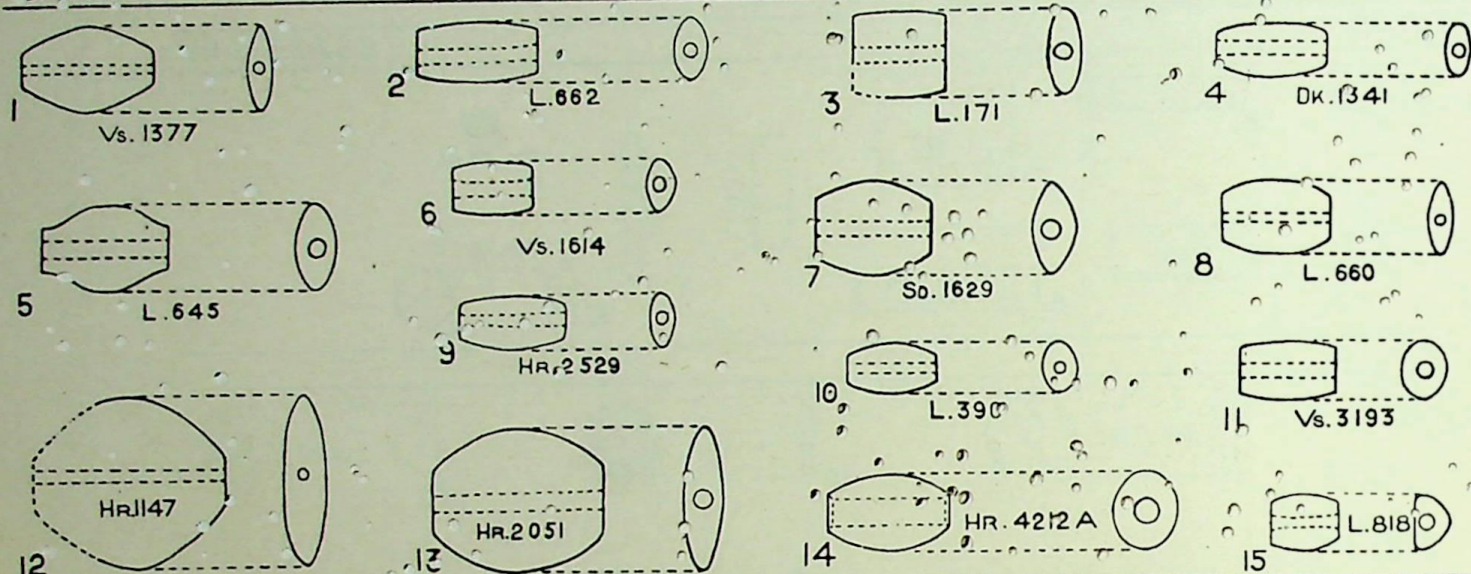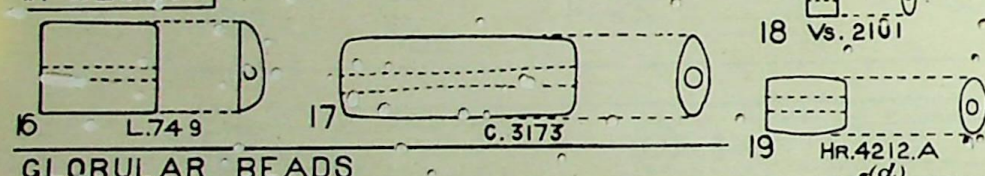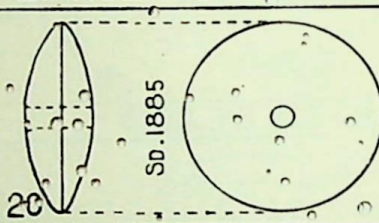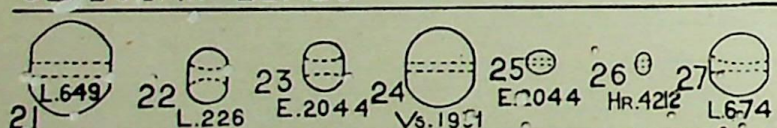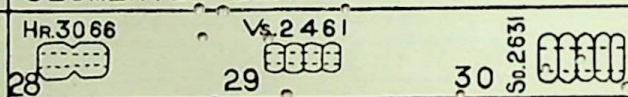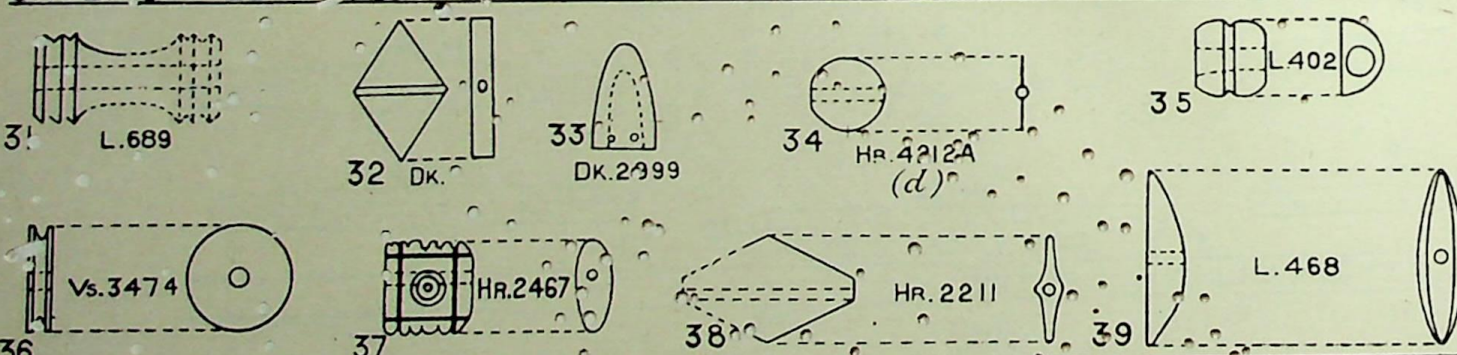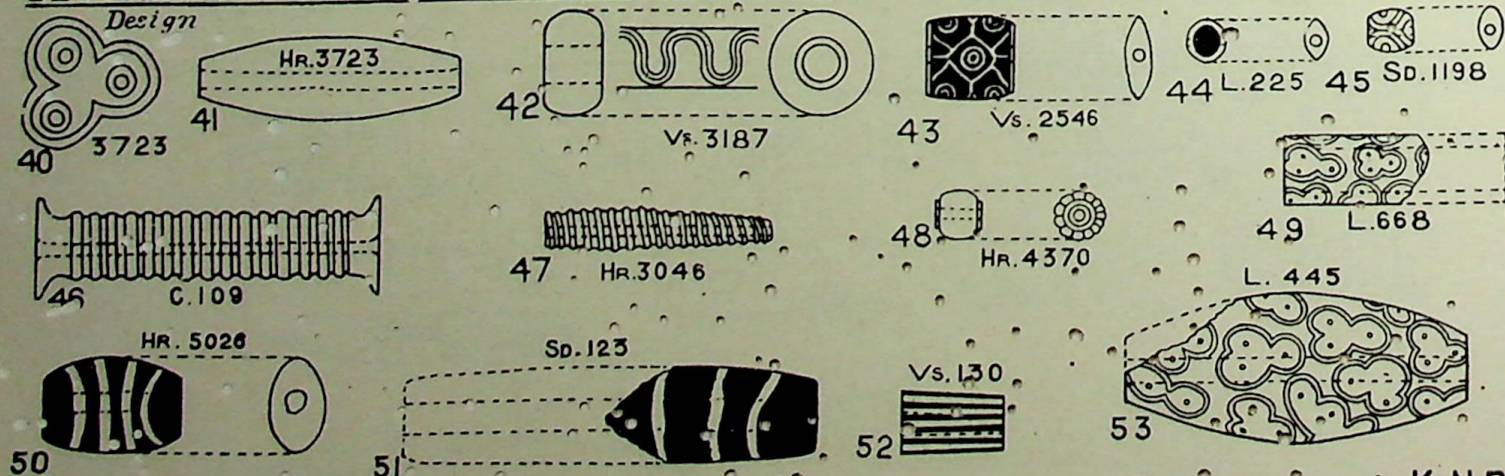
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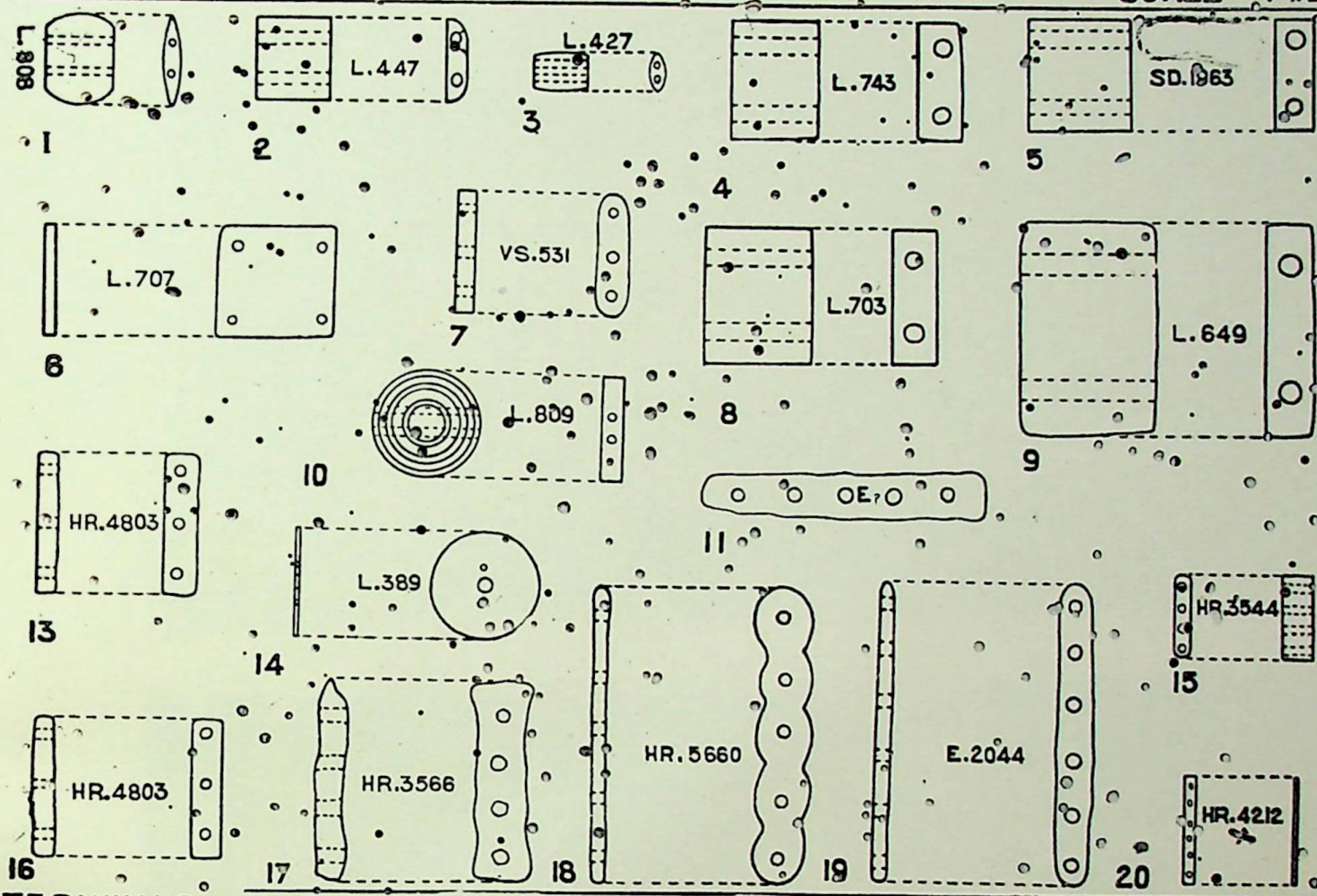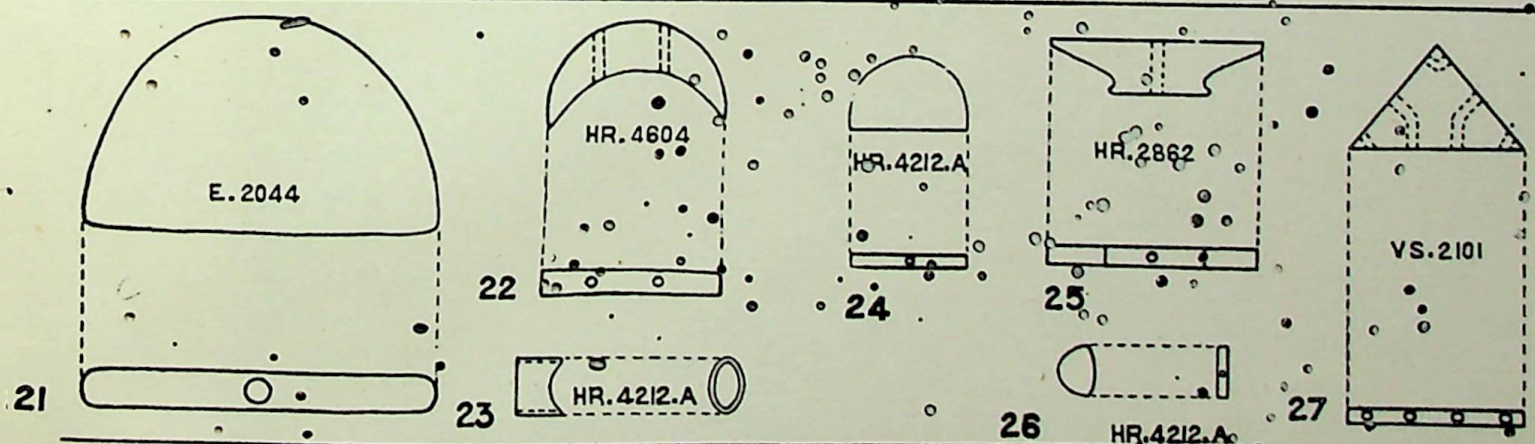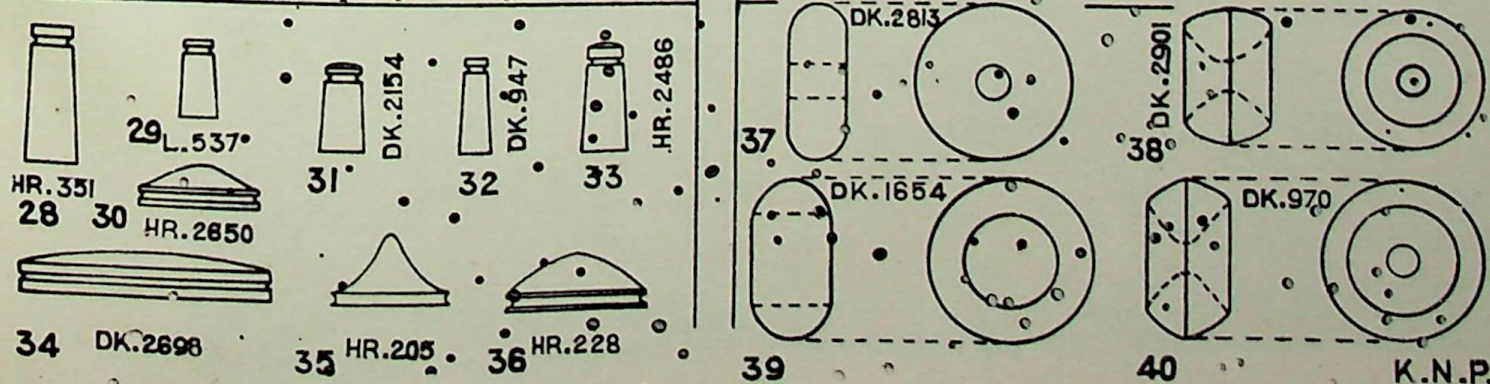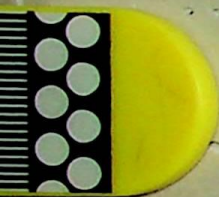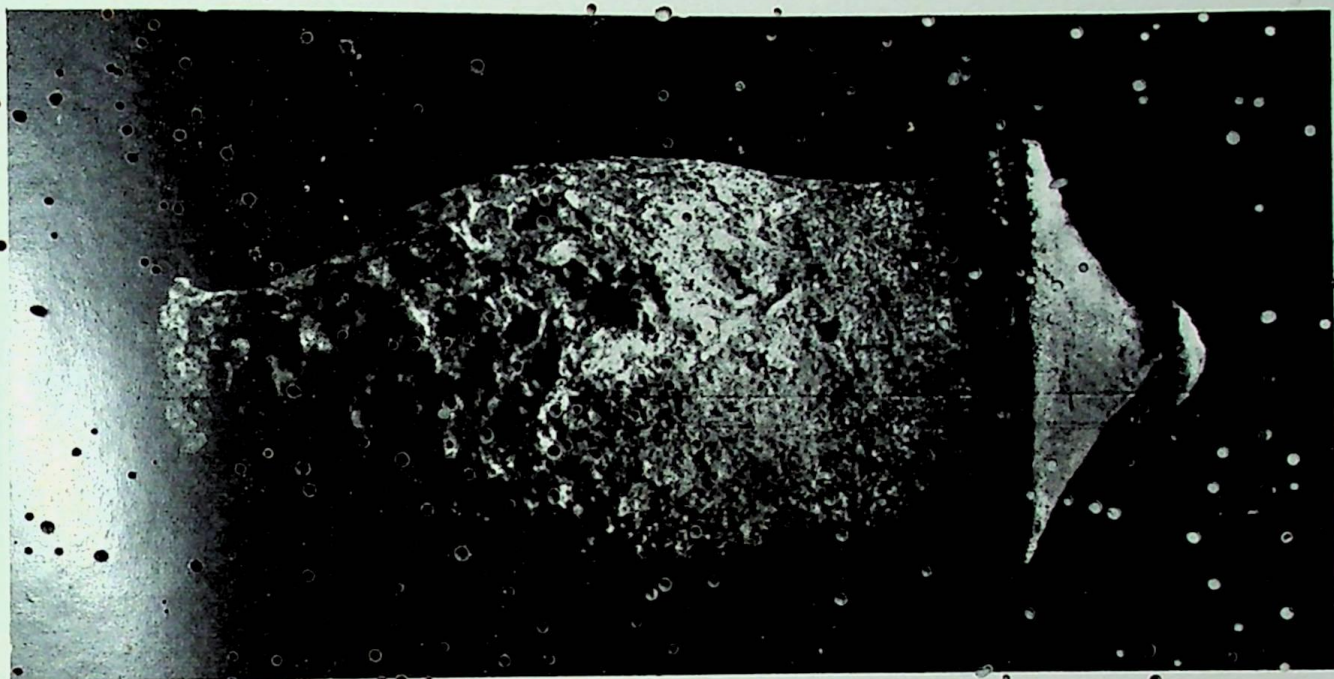
Gold jewellery and silver vase.

Jewellery.

Stone beads.

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Jewellery

Personal ornaments.

Toys, armlets etc.

Miscellaneous objects.

Pottery, stone and shell objects

Shell objects.

Faience and other objects.

Pin-heads and other objects.

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Some skulls excavated at Mohenjo-daro

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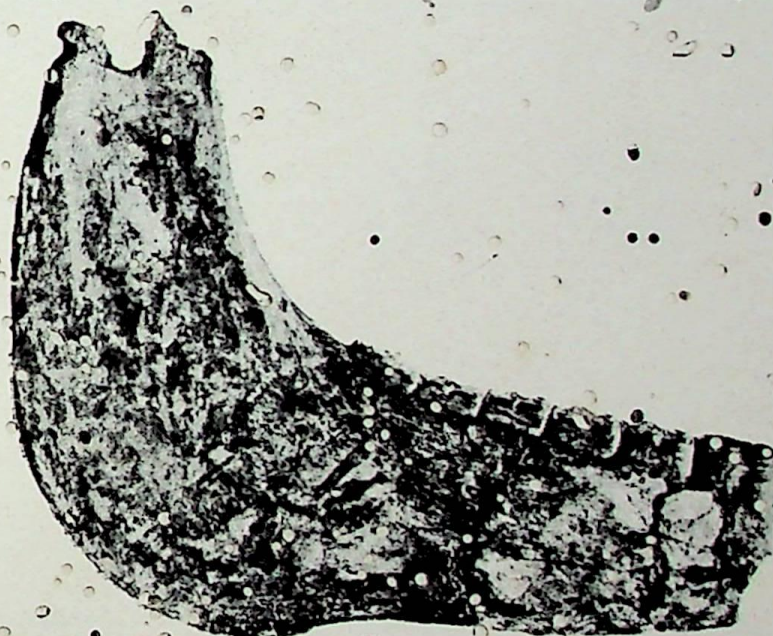
Some skulls excavated at Mohenjo-daro.

Fig. 1. The skull of *Bos indicus* from the collection of the Zoological Survey of India (from front).

Fig. 3. Fragments of skulls of *Bos indicus* from Mohenjo-daro.

Fig. 2. The skull of *Bos indicus* from the collection of the Zoological Survey of India (from the right side).

Fig. 4. The plastron of Trionyx gangeticus from the collection of the Zoological Survey of India.

Fig. 5. The plastron of Trionyx gangeticus from Mohenjo-daro.

Animal remains from Mohenjo-daro.

Silver bracelets, coins etc.